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Major stamps on 'moral minority'

Right retreats in Tory battle of the basics

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Ministers are showing a united front on back to basics. But for rightwingers, biding their time on the leadership, the unanimity is only skin deep

RIGHTWING ministers were in retreat in the back to basics battle last night after a tough private warning from John Major.

As ministerial heavyweights including Michael Heseltine and Douglas Hurd launched a concerted effort to resell the policy, the Cabinet's "moral minority" was forced to soften its language, having had its wings clipped by Mr Major.

But leading rightwingers insisted last night that the show of unity was only skin deep — and it was the fear of Kenneth Clarke in 10 Downing Street that lay behind it. As with past crises of Mr Major's premiership, the Right, lacking a credible leadership candidate, has decided to play for time. One leading critic of Mr Major said: "What is to be gained by precipitating a crisis at the moment? We are not yet ready."

The ceasefire was signalled by John Redwood, who gave an uncontroversial interview about curbing teenage pregnancies as Mr Heseltine and Mr Hurd were broadcasting Mr Major's view that the policy had little to do with people's private lives. Michael Howard, Michael Portillo and John Patten, who have all been vociferous in their condemnation of single parents, also reined back in their pronouncements.

But Labour scorned the concerted effort as a shambles that highlighted the ideological battle within the Tory party. Donald Dewar, the shadow social security secretary, said that no amount of orchestrated support from the Cabinet could conceal the fact that Mr Major's flagship policy had been reduced to a mass of incoherent contradictions. The Prime Minister had to decide whether he agreed with Mr Clarke — that the welfare state was not an engine of social change — or with the "murky exercise by the "hard right" to smuggle through an agenda of welfare cuts under a back-to-basics cloak.

The first sign of the Right's retreat yesterday came with Mr Redwood's interview on BBC radio. The Welsh Secretary, who has described single parents as one of the biggest social problems of the day and in the summer launched the debate on family values that has since crippled back to basics, narrowed his horizons to the simple goal of avoiding unwanted pregnancies by offering teenagers better guidance at home and school.

He added: "We have always said that there are elements in the back to basics policy which include values. But we have also agreed that when it comes to the lives of most adults in society, we are not preaching to them. It is for them to make their own decisions and set their own moral code."

Mr Hurd had earlier played down the importance of personal, especially sexual, morality in the crusade to revive commonsense attitudes across a wide spectrum of government policy. He said: "Politicians should not set up as experts in the personal morality of others or claim some special entitlement to cast the first stone. The Prime Minister has consistently and rightly made that clear."

Referring to the sexual and financial scandals and resignations that have brought the Government to a low ebb, the Foreign Secretary said that "domestic failings and tragedies of a number of politicians and their families" were not central to the Government's future or that of the country. "In reality, we are a nation neither of libertines nor, I hope, of pharisees. We should not, I believe seriously mix up such misfortunes with the fortunes of government or of our political system."

Mr Heseltine admitted that the government had been through "a difficult week", but insisted that political parties were not the "custodian of the nation's morals".

The "united front" was also joined by Mr Howard, Mr Patten and Mr Portillo, who all steered clear of the single parents issue in their back-to-policy statements yesterday.

Mr Howard, who had linked rising crime rates to family breakdown in a fringe speech at the party conference, said: "We believe in individual responsibility, in the value of punishment and in putting the rights of the victim ahead of the rights of the criminal."

Mr Patten, whose strong religious convictions lie behind his advocacy of the traditional family, contented himself by presenting his education reforms as back to basics in action.

Mr. Portillo interpreted the policy as a campaign to restore national pride and attacked a "sick élite" for denigrating the country and its achievements.

Moderate Conservative MPs will be relieved that the Cabinet has agreed to try to sing the same tune. Mr Major was left in no doubt of a need for an end to the damaging conflicting interpretations after his meeting with the 1922 Committee executive on Thursday night.

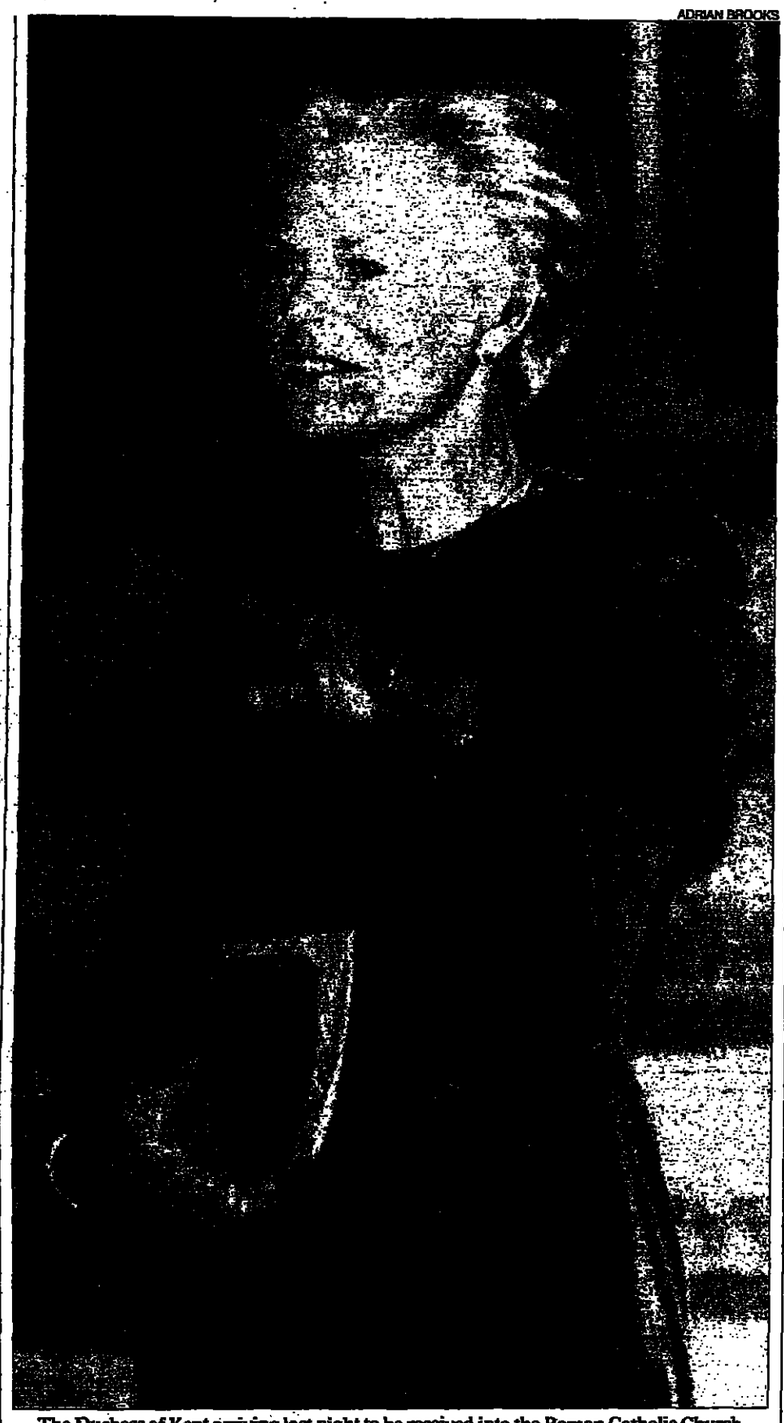
He was also told to be more "dynamic and decisive", but MPs generally backed away from passing on their private view that he should be more ruthless in dealing with errant ministers.

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Portillo hits out at the 'sick' elite

Michael Portillo last night launched an extraordinary attack on a "sick" elite of opinion formers who are destroying national pride. The Treasury Chief Secretary cited the media, academics and clerics who were stricken with "the self-destructive sickness of national cynicism".

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ADRIAN BROOKS

The Duchess of Kent arriving last night to be received into the Roman Catholic Church by Cardinal Hume at Archbishop's House, Westminster. Page 3; Letters, page 15

Piffle? Take a look at your own tax bill, Mr Clarke

BY JANET BUSH AND JONATHAN PRYNN

KENNETH Clarke's pay packet shows that he is paying more in tax under the Conservatives, confirming a survey this week which he described as "piffle". The survey, compiled by *The Times* with help from *KPMG Tax Advisers*, showed that an average family will pay far more tax and national insurance from April 6 than it would have done in the last year of Labour government.

On the BBC's *Question Time* the Chancellor of the Exchequer dismissed these findings as piffle and socialist propaganda, but the message that the Conservatives can no longer claim to be the party of low taxes has found broad support from business people and politicians alike.

Dr Ann Robinson, head of the policy unit at the Institute of Directors and fellow guest on *Question Time*, said that although the Chancellor had dismissed the survey with a wave of his hand, the tax burden faced by the average Briton will be higher because the Government has failed to control public spending. "The Conservatives have created a more economically friendly structure for the tax system," she said, "but the effect of that could be destroyed if they hike tax levels."

The *Times* survey caused considerable consternation, too, among Tory MPs. James Cran, MP for Beverley, said that the Government would pay a heavy price if the tax burden remained high. "I take the view that the Tory Party has to demonstrate that it is a low-tax party, and if it cannot . . . then we shall bear the consequences," he said. Bill Cash, member for Stafford, was "deeply concerned about it", and blamed Britain's entry to the exchange-rate mechanism for the £50 billion budget deficit that triggered the heavy tax increases announced in last year's two budgets.

Sir George Gardiner, who represents Reigate, admitted that the study's finding was "embarrassing to the party," but said it represented only part of the story. Living standards had risen greatly since 1979.

When Mr Clarke joined the Conservative Government as under-secretary of state for transport after its election victory in May 1979, he received a maximum salary of £10,692, according to figures provided by the House of Commons library. In those days, *The Times* calculations show that he paid over 20 per cent of that in direct taxes. The Chancellor now earns £64,749, and pays 34 per cent in direct taxes.

The Times figures are based on Mr Clarke's being the sole earner in his family, with two children and a mortgage of at least £25,000. We are not privy to Mr Clarke's actual mortgage arrangements, but this would be typical for British homeowners.

Using the same assumptions, Conservative Chancellors fare badly under their own policies. Compare Mr Clarke to Denis Healey, the last Labour Chancellor. In 1978-79 Mr Healey earned £18,942, against Mr Clarke's £64,749 today. In 1978-79 Mr Healey would have paid 31.5

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The Times sales up 17%

The Times was the most successful national newspaper in Britain last year.

At 439,327, sales in December were up by 17 per cent on December 1992, the highest increase recorded by any daily or Sunday newspaper.

Since September, when the weekday price was reduced by 15p to 30p, sales have risen by 85,000, pushing *The Times* 137,000 ahead of *The Independent* and 50,000 ahead of *The Guardian*.

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Dame Shirley makes no comment

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

DAME Shirley Porter, under fire from the district auditor over political gerrymandering, was last night playing cat and mouse with reporters and photographers trying to contact her at the house where she is staying at Palm Springs in California.

The former leader of Westminster council, on an extended trip abroad which kept her out of the spotlight when the report was published on Thursday, made no comment.

John Magill, the district auditor, found that more than £21 million had been spent in political gerrymandering in the borough. Dame Shirley is among ten councillors and officials who may have to pay for the council's losses as a result of a designated housing policy which the district auditor says was designed to boost the numbers of Tory voters in eight marginal wards.

Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, yesterday admitted that he had attended an early meeting at which the disgraced policy of Westminster City Council was discussed. The policy, described by the district auditor as "improper and disgraceful", had already been in existence for eight months by that meeting, he said.

Mr Brooke admitted there were political implications to the policy, but said its intention was to allow people on relatively low incomes to buy property.

French sailing trip for mother who killed baby

BY ROBIN YOUNG

TINA White, 23, who killed her three-year-old daughter, was taken on a £1,200 sailing trip to France by probation officers while awaiting trial, it was revealed yesterday.

After returning last October, White, of Hucknall, Nottingham, was sentenced in December to ten years' in prison for the manslaughter of her daughter Leanne. The sailing adventure was paid for by charities, including the Prince of Wales Trust, and was approved by Mr Justice Holland, a High Court judge who altered White's bail conditions to allow her to go.



Tina White: pleaded not guilty to murder

The story was revealed in the same week that a boy who was given a two-month trip to Africa was returned to the North Wales rehabilitation centre that sent him on the safari even though he admitted more than 30 crimes.

White's mother and the Prince's Trust were yesterday among those who criticised the trip. White's mother, Mary, one of those who alerted social workers to Leanne's plight, said that while her daughter's trip had been paid for, she herself had being saving for a headstone for her grandchild's grave, which is near the house where she endured regular beatings for months before her death.

Geoffrey Alder, the Prince's Trust applications secretary in Nottinghamshire, said the charity had not knowingly given White a grant for the trip. A specific application from someone on bail charged with murder would not e automatically be thrown out, "but I cannot for the life of me see any of our committee members giving a recommendation in these circumstances," he said.

Probation service spokesmen defended the trip, however. They said White's week-long voyage was organised to give her "breathing space" and to help to "develop her self-worth" while she was awaiting trial.

Leanne was battered to death at the family home in Hucknall despite seven calls to social workers from relatives and neighbours warning that she was at risk. A post-mortem examination revealed 107 separate injuries.

On December 8 at Nottingham Crown Court Colin Sleate, 29, her stepfather, was found guilty of her murder and jailed for life. White, who denied murder, was convicted of manslaughter at the same time and was later jailed for ten years.

Clinton gives pep talk to Russians

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Clinton capped his visit to Russia with a key agreement on dismantling Ukraine's nuclear arsenal and an extraordinary American-style "town meeting" in support of President Yeltsin's reforms.

Mr Clinton took questions from the audience and told them he understood their problems in the folksy style that won him the presidency. And in a nostalgic look back to his own meeting with President Kennedy as a teenager, he shook hands with a 13-year-old boy who, he said, might one day be Russia's president.

The test of a country's greatness in the 21st century would be its living standards and neighbourliness, he said in a broadcast from Moscow's Ostankino television station, scene of heavy fighting during last October's uprising.

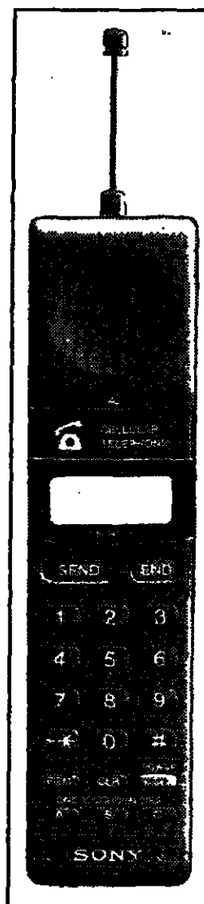
The meeting came after Mr Clinton and Mr Yeltsin crowned their summit by signing a tripartite agreement with President Kravchuk for Ukraine to give up the world's third largest nuclear arsenal of 1,800 weapons.

"I come here as a friend and supporter of the democratic change going on in this nation," Mr. Clinton said to a large studio audience and millions of viewers. "I hope that my nation and I can make a positive contribution . . . to the everyday lives of ordinary citizens of this great nation." He added that America would provide technical assistance and encourage more bilateral trade and investment.

"I identify with and even sympathise with the difficulty of the changes you face. I ran for President in 1992 because I was convinced that my nation too had to make some very hard choices and some tough changes," he said.

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Wife at Yeo's side as he fights to save political life

BY LIN JENKINS

THE wife of Tim Yeo was at his side last night as he fought to save his future as an MP in the wake of his resignation as a minister.

Diane Yeo, 48, accompanied her husband to a decisive meeting with constituency party activists who were divided on whether they could support him as their MP. Mr Yeo was determined that it should be business as usual as he met anti-traffic campaigners and held a surgery in his Suffolk South constituency.

He said that the extraordinary meeting called to deal with the disclosures about his two illegitimate children would give him an opportunity to explain his actions. "I am there to say how sorry I am for the embarrassment I have caused the local party and to listen to their views," he said. "I am not aware there will be any calls for resignation."

Some delegates have called for him to resign despite pressure from Conservative Central Office, which fears a by-election would compound the damage already done. Others demanded his deselection at the next general election after boundary changes.

It was considered vital that Mrs Yeo back her husband. Her efforts to persuade the officers of the local association to support him last week failed when they refused to endorse his decision to stay in his ministerial post. Their position forced him to resign.

Some of the 80 representatives at last night's exective council meeting were surprised to see the public display of unity. Mr Yeo has declined to say whether his future is with his wife or with Julia Stent, the solicitor and Tory councillor who gave birth to his daughter Claudia Marie five months ago.

The united front was also on display at a widely publicised but hastily arranged visit to an old people's home in Sudbury on Thursday. The move angered the local newspaper, which accused him of stage-managing the event after repeatedly refusing to address constituents via its columns. An editorial in the *East Anglian Daily Times* said yesterday: "And now he expects voters to accept, on the strength of a photo opportunity, that all is sweetness and light again, his marriage and future secure. In fact it speaks only for the loyalty of his wife. And he may yet find voters are less ready to forgive and forget his betrayal of their trust."

Mary Chapple, chairman of the Glemsford branch of the constituency association, said that Mr Yeo ought to resign despite the damage that would be done to the Government by a by-election. "We have to stand up and be counted, otherwise we would lose all our credibility," she said. Mary Aikenhead, of the Great Carnard branch, said: "It took us 15 months to find he was keeping one child under his belt and then another one appears. I feel very sorry for Mrs Yeo, but he cannot go on behaving like this."

Others in the association appealed for calm and pressed for the MP to be given time to show that he was a good constituency representative.

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An ignoble ending

"The aristocracy have continued going into politics, but nearly all their reasons for doing so have evaporated; their gentility has



collapsed into irrelevance, their instant authority all but disappeared, their fortunes are diminished. Malcolm Caithness (above) was an emblem of that decline, everyone could see it..."

Lesley White on the lives and lineages that led to a tragic conclusion — News Review, The Sunday Times tomorrow

Portillo decries the cynical elite

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Portillo issued a warning last night that a "sick" élite dedicated to running down the country and its cherished institutions was one of the gravest threats to confront Britain.

Unless people found the self-confidence to reassert themselves and revive "national pride", society was on the road to disintegration.

In an attack onthe media and other opinion formers such as academics and clerics, the Treasury Chief Secretary said that he had diagnosed a new British disease — "the self-destructive sickness of national cynicism".

Spread by the chattering classes, who had succumbed to "masochism and defeatism", the disease showed itself in a readiness to denigrate Britain, to devalue its achievements, to hold national institutions in contempt and to deride every national figure.

Painting an apocalyptic vision of the state of the nation, Mr Portillo said that self-doubt was gnawing away at the sinews of institutions and weakening the country.

"An élite that raises up heroes merely for the enjoyment of pulling them down again is indeed sick," he told the Conservative Way Forward group in London. The result had been a nihilism that transformed everybody from the royal family to Parliament into an "object of ridicule".

Mr Portillo said that a "poison had been spread by pessimists". "Read the newspapers or watch television and you see it: leading citizens telling us how much worse we do things in Britain than in other countries. The subject does not matter.

"Our country, which was so resilient when faced by the disasters of war, has lacked moral fibre when confronted by the disappointments of peace ... Perhaps it is that disappointment that has led to the whingeing about Britain among the so-called sophisticated: that tendency to wallow in self-pity and self-abasement.

"In the world of the soundbite, arguments which are banal and tendentious enjoy equal status with those which are more judicious and comprehensive. So Britain has become a nation of pressure groups ... A fine tradition of national tolerance has been corrupted into a new tendency to nihilism."



SALLY BOAMES

Mr Clarke, who now earns £64,749, and pays 34 per cent in direct taxation

Clarke pays 34 per cent in tax

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per cent in income tax and national insurance, well below the 34 per cent paid today by Mr Clarke.

MPs are in much the same boat: in 1978-79, a backbencher earned £6,897 and paid more than 17 per cent to the Exchequer in direct taxes. Now they earn £31,687, and pay nearly 28 per cent.

Mr Clarke did not dispute the key finding of *The Times* survey, that most British households will pay a higher proportion of their income in direct taxes, not even taking into account indirect taxes such as VAT. But he emphasised that British people have become far wealthier under the Conservatives, with a rise in average earnings of 40 per cent (in fact, the figure is nearer 30 per cent).

It is true that earnings have gone up substantially since 1979, even adjusted for inflation — but that is true of every other 14-year period in Britain's postwar history. Conservative claims of fostering wealth-creation do not stand up well. In the 14 years to the second quarter of last year, gross domestic product grew by 24 per cent, the smallest increase of any 14-year period since records began in 1955.

Now Conservative tax rises threaten the health of the economy overall, not just the spending power of individuals. Sudhir Junankar, director of economics for the the Confederation of British Industry, said that Britain's business competitiveness was under threat because of the rising tax burden. In 1991 Britain's overall tax burden was well below the European Community average — 33 per cent, compared with 36 per cent — and supported the Government's contention that Britain was a good place to do business.

But after the tax increases announced by Norman Lamont and Mr Clarke last year, the burden will probably equal the EC average, erasing this source of cheer for Britain's economic prospects.

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Salary for MP	£8,897	£31,687
Tax as % of net income	17.38%	27.84%
Salary for Chancellor	£18,942	£64,749
Tax as % of net income	31.53%	34.05%
Salary of Kenneth Clarke	£10,692	£64,749
Tax as % of net income	20.29%	34.05%

NEWS IN BRIEF

US pilot killed as jump jet crashes

A US Marine Corps captain on secondment to the RAF died when his Harrier GR7 jump jet crashed near Aston Somerville, Hereford & Worcester. Nobody on the ground was injured. Capt B. K. Hearney was based at RAF Wittering, Cambridgeshire.

An RAF enquiry began last night and accident investigators were trying to establish whether Capt. Hearney had stayed in the cockpit to steer the jet away from buildings, including a school, rather than taking the opportunity to eject. His body was discovered in the wreckage with the ejector seat armed but not fired.

Last Wednesday a Royal Navy Sea Harrier FRS2, the most advanced version of the Navy's jump jet, crashed in the Bristol Channel off Lundy Island. The pilot escaped unhurt after ejecting.

More police want guns

More than half the 2,200 police officers who responded to a national survey on firearms want all police to be armed or guns to be made available to any officer who wants them. The survey, carried out by *Police Review* magazine, also showed that almost 40 per cent want more armed response cars, which have armed officers on 24-hour standby and provide an alternative to giving all policemen weapons. A survey in 1990 produced half the number of responses, with half in favour of guns. Concern has increased since the shooting of PC Patrick Dunne in south London last October.

Heseltine resign pledge

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, said yesterday he would resign if he was criticised for trying to suppress vital evidence in the abortive Matrix Churchill trial. His statement comes after an identical announcemnent by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, that he would resign if criticised by Lord Justice Scott's arms-to-Iraq enquiry for improper use of the Government's sweeping powers of concealment. Mr Heseltine signed public interest immunity certificates to stop government documents being released in court.

Bigger house defended

A single mother last night defended a proposal by her local authority to knock three council houses into one and provide a resident social worker to help care for her 11 children. Julie Thompson, 34, said that the people who opposed the £250,000 decision by councillors in Kirklees, West Yorkshire, were just spiteful. "It is not for me — it is for the sake of the children," Miss Thompson said. "The house is so cramped they can hardly breathe. Why shouldn't they have a proper home? It's hard for them now and it will get worse."

Novelist allowed home



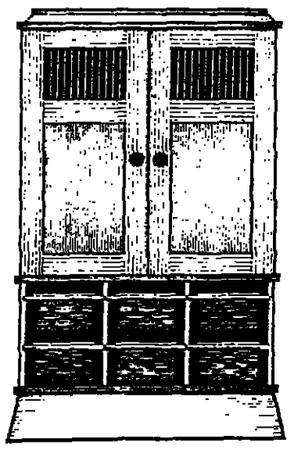
The novelist Dame Catherine Cookson left hospital yesterday after surgery for a twisted bowel. Dame Catherine, 87, right, had emegency surgery before Christmas. She praised doctors at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne as she left with her husband Tom for her home in the Jesmond area of the city. Dame Catherine has sold more than 90 million books worldwide.

Hoover flights' last call

Thousands of Hoover customers have been given their last chance to take up free flights. Trading standards officers in Mid Glamorgan, where Hoover is based, said it had kept to its contract, and advised customers to take up the three dates because there would be no more. "This is the end of the road," said Steve Delahaye, deputy county trading standards officer, after a meeting with the company. The 2,000-member Hoover Holiday Pressure Group said it would press ahead with a civil action. Hoover said it would consider further dates but availability would be a lottery.

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Ministers go back to basic harmony

BY PETER RIDDELL

YESTERDAY was a time for rallying round the flag. Ministers, left, right and centre, carefully proclaimed the same version of "Back to Basics". References to personal morality were dropped, even by right-wing ministers. The Tory Party is not in the mood for another leadership crisis.

So the temperature should drop after the fevers of the past ten days — though MPs will keep a nervous eye on the Sunday papers for further sensational disclosures. The Downing Street view is that the recent excitement has been irrelevant froth, and John Major is confident that it should quickly blow away. That has been true in the past after similar scandals, though the row over Westminster City Council's council house sales could be more damaging in the long term.

"The domestic failings and tragedies of a number of politicians" were put into perspective by Douglas Hurd. He argued that conduct in personal life was a matter of personal and family responsibility. "Politicians should not set up as experts in the personal morality of others or claim some special entitlement to cast the first stone."

Governments, he accepted, "do not operate in a moral vacuum. They have to take account of social values and heed public opinion. But it is for policies that the public looks to Government. And it is on policies that the Prime Minister's theme of Back to Basics will be judged." So no moralising or preaching, but commonsense policies in crime, education, adoption etc.

That is now the agreed approach following the discussion on Thursday at the Cabinet and by Mr Major with members of the executive of the 1922 Committee. The blunt message from Downing Street to the handful of right-wing ministers is: stick to the line, or else. But Back to Basics is left sounding vague and bland. That has been an inherent difficulty since the slogan was launched at the Tory party conference. The most interesting gloss yesterday came from Michael Portillo, the new ideologist of the right. Tolerance, Mr Portillo argued, had been corrupted into a new tendency to nihilism, eroding standards and traditional institutions. "A society in which people hold those in authority in contempt, and don't even think much of themselves, is set upon the road to disintegration."

Mr Portillo's answer was that most Britons want a return to valuing British institutions and rebuilding national confidence. That is a formidable indictment, though it might have come better from a politician whose party had not been in power and shaping opinion for nearly 15 years. The problem with Back to Basics is not what it says about the future but its admission of past failures.

INSIDE OUT ON POLITICS

Major tries to speed peace drive

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND NICHOLAS WATT

JOHN Major tried to inject new impetus into his Northern Ireland peace initiative yesterday as he began a new round of talks with Irish constitutional leaders.

However, fundamental differences remain over clarification of the Anglo-Irish declaration following the Prime Minister's Downing Street meeting with John Hume, the SDLP leader.

Mr Major rejected Mr Hume's contention that the Government should provide additional information demanded by Sinn Fein. Mr Hume denied that the process was running out of steam. "When you are engaged in a peace process patience is the virtue you require, and patience is what I ask everybody to have."

The two leaders have worked closely together since Mr Hume initiated his own talks with Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein President, but both are adamant that Mr Hume will not act as a messenger between the Government and the republican movement.

The Government has refused to impose a deadline for Sinn Fein's response to the declaration, but some Conservative MPs are concerned that the longer Mr Major waits the more likely the process is to be upset by a terrorist incident.

In Dublin yesterday, Dick Spring, the Deputy Prime Minister, said the IRA would not be allowed to frustrate the demand for peace.

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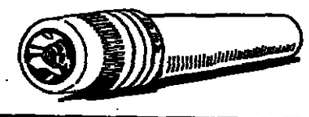
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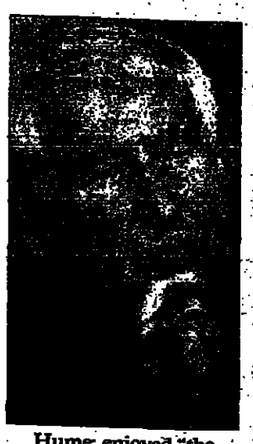
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Hume hails 'holy' royal convert as an example to us all



Hume: enjoyed "the sense of community"

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Duchess of Kent, dressed in a dark green velvet jacket and black skirt and surrounded by her immediate family, was last night received into the Roman Catholic Church by Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster.

The Cardinal has been her mentor in a huge personal shift of faith and a significant break with royal tradition.

The Duchess took the sacraments of confirmation and the eucharist in a brief and simple ceremony during a 45-minute mass in the Cardinal's private chapel at Archbishop's House behind Westminster Cathedral. The evening mass was celebrated in front of a small congregation of family and close friends.

The Duchess made a simple pledge to adopt her new faith: "I believe and profess all that the Holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God."

Cardinal Hume, who has been instrumental in guiding the Duchess towards her new faith, officiated. He was assisted by Father Daniel Cronin, a priest who has been giving the Duchess instruction in the Catholic faith over the past six months.

The Duchess, who is said to have embarked on a voyage of spiritual discovery more than a decade ago, was watched by the Duke of Kent, a Freemason and Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. The congregation also included the Kents' three children: their elder son, the Earl of St Andrews, and his wife, Sylvana Tomasselli, a Catholic; their younger son, Lord Nicholas Windsor, who is unmarried; and Lady Helen Taylor, accompanied by her husband Tim. Cardinal Hume said after the mass: "It was a very simple ceremony which takes place during the celebration of mass. We had the sense that we were a small community truly in prayer. She seemed very peaceful and at ease. She is a very holy person and a lovely lady and she has served the nation with tremendous distinction, graciousness and compassion. She is an example to us all."

■ The Duchess of Kent's conversion has captured the limelight. Observers believe she is now set to enjoy a higher public profile

The Cardinal, asked what the occasion meant for the Church of England, would say only: "I have been through a marvellous spiritual experience tonight and I want to leave it at that."

The Duchess, who has suffered a history of depression since a terminated pregnancy and a miscarriage, has captured the limelight with her conversion.

Now aged 60, the former Katharine Worsley, daughter of a High Anglican Yorkshire family, seems set to enjoy a higher public profile. Some observers believe the Duchess may go some way to filling the gap opened by the partial withdrawal from public life of the Princess of Wales.

The Duchess's conversion has no direct constitutional significance, although it is seen as a significant loosening of the Anglican bonds which have fettered the royal family since the 1701 Act of Settlement. The Duke, who is 18th in line to the throne, retains his Anglican faith, as do the couple's children.

The Duke and Duchess used to be seen together at St Botolph's, Swinford, near their Oxfordshire country home. They no longer attend regularly: the Duchess, never a regular churchgoer, is expected to make her devotions at Westminster Cathedral.

☐ Church of England priests were last night invited to pledge support for the authority and teachings of Rome. A group of rebel clergy opposed to the ordination of women circulated copies of a controversial declaration for their colleagues to sign.

Signatories were asked to agree that they "freely acknowledge that the Bishop of Rome is the Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church, and Patriarch of the Western Church". Other parts of the declaration speak of seeking a convergence and "corporate re-union" with the Catholic Church.

The declaration was issued jointly by members of the ruling council of the anti-women priests group, Forward in Faith, and the Master's Council of the Anglo-Catholic Society of the Holy Cross.

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Kidnapper trussed up bank manager's wife in car boot

BY RONALD FAUX

A FINANCIAL adviser who kidnapped a bank manager's wife, kept her trussed up in the boot of a car for 4½ hours and escaped with £40,000 ransom was jailed for 14 years.

Judge David yesterday told Tony Bosson-Williams, a former soldier: "This was the most carefully planned kidnap which you carried out meticulously. In my judgment it was a cruel, violent, ruthless and utterly despicable offence."

Chester Crown Court was told that Bosson-Williams, 28, had planned a campaign of blackmail and kidnapping. He was caught 14 months after abducting Elizabeth Kerr, the wife of Derek Kerr, a Barclays Bank manager, when police matched a palm print he had left in their house.

Mrs Kerr sat with her husband in court as Bosson-Williams, of Whitchurch, Shropshire, admitted kidnapping Mrs Kerr on August 14 1992, robbing Mr Kerr of £40,000, blackmailing another bank manager and demanding £75,000 a week earlier.

David Hale, for the prosecution, said Mrs Kerr's ordeal began when Bosson-Williams, dressed as a policeman, called at her home in Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, after her husband had left for work. He told her Mr Kerr had been in a road accident and drove her away, saying he would take her to the hospital.

He later stopped the car, hit her on the side of the face, tied her hands behind her with parachute cord and blindfolded her with a cloth before bundling her into the car boot.

He then took an instant photograph of Mrs Kerr and gagged her, tying a cord around her throat, through her hands and down to her feet. He also put a nylon bag over her head and tightened it with a draw string. Mr Hale said that if she tried to relax her hands the rope would tighten around her neck.

Bosson-Williams had then delivered a note to her husband at his bank demanding £40,000 and saying: "Your wife is being held hostage by our organisation. Do exactly as you are instructed and no harm will come to her. If you stray from our instructions she is in grave danger." With the note was the photograph of his wife trussed up in the boot of the car.

Mr Kerr followed the instructions and handed over £40,000 to Bosson-Williams after he had driven up behind the bank manager's car and flashed his lights for him to stop. He also demanded the ignition keys to the car.

Mrs Kerr, whom he later left in a ditch, managed to free herself and call for help.

Fourteen months after the kidnap, Mr Hale said, police discovered that a palm print taken from a piece of paper in Mrs Kerr's home belonged to Bosson-Williams. When he was arrested he denied involvement. However, he made a full confession when he was told of the palm print and that his wife had admitted hiring the car used in the kidnap.

He told police he had spent the entire £40,000 ransom, giving his wife £1,800 a month, taking holidays in Lanzarote and America and buying an £8,000 speedboat.

Mr Hale said that a week earlier, Bosson-Williams had attempted a similar kidnap and ransom demand involving the wife of the manager of the National Westminster Bank in Solihull, West Midlands, but had gone to the wrong house.

He was jailed for 12 years for the kidnap of Mrs Kerr and the robbery of £40,000 and two years for blackmail by demanding £75,000 from the Solihull bank manager, the two sentences to run consecutively.

Mr Hale said that Bosson-Williams, who had been involved in a road accident and been convicted of causing death by reckless driving, had expected to be sent to prison and had told police he was driven by desperation to find a way to provide for his wife.

Judge David told him his victims must have been "utterly terrified". He added: "Not only does Mrs Kerr suffer from the injuries you inflicted, she will probably suffer the psychological effects of this dreadful experience to the end of her days."

The judge said that neither the stress which Bosson-Williams claimed to have suffered after the road accident nor worries about his financial position could even begin to justify his offences.

Bosson-Williams, by coincidence, attended the same school in Northwich as Mr Kerr, although at a different time. After the case his solicitor, Peter Mort, read a statement in which Bosson-Williams said: "I am totally responsible for my actions and I am very, very sorry for them and deeply ashamed."





The kidnapper, Tony Bosson-Williams, his victim Elizabeth Kerr and her husband Derek, who the judge said must have been "utterly terrified"

Monopoly chief starts video games enquiry

BY NEIL BENNETT

THE video games industry is to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission after complaints by customers and retailers that the dominant Japanese companies are exploiting the market and overcharging.

The formal investigation comes more than a year after consumers, many of them children and teenagers, first complained to the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) that they had to pay up to £60 for games cartridges. These are played on television sets or on hand-held screens.

The industry has revolutionised the British toy and electrical market in the past two years. Last year, video games accounted for 40 per cent of the toy market and one in three homes has a games console.

Users in Britain are growing increasingly angry about high prices. The same games can often be a third cheaper in America and the Far East. Sega and Nintendo, which control more than 90 per cent of the £9 billion world market, will be investigated to see if they have rigged the industry by preventing smaller retailers from stocking games at cheaper prices or stopped independent companies producing games by imposing high licensing fees. The commission, at the request of the OFT, will also find out whether the companies are preventing the creation of a rental market.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of the OFT, said that competition was not working as effectively as it might. Sega and Nintendo said they were surprised at Sir Bryan's decision and said the market was fair and becoming increasingly competitive.

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Cottage walls come tumbling down but hippies stand their ground

FROM EDWARD GORMAN ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

NOT long ago, Elna Black's holiday cottage on the Isle of Wight was worth about £50,000. By yesterday afternoon, after 48 hours of earth movement, it was little more than worthless rubble.

It looked like the subject of an air strike, a misplaced scene from wars elsewhere in Europe. But the forces that destroyed it were, for once, beyond man's control — saturated clay and sandstone rock above it, sliding around like ice cubes on a tray.

On Thursday, the cracks had begun to appear among the climbing roses and honeysuckle. By yesterday, the 200-year-old stone and red-brick structure, perched on the cliffs at Blackgang Chine, resembled a toy house built by a clumsy child, with walls wobbling, splitting and collapsing. The ground beneath the centre of the building appeared to have lifted overnight, pushing the walls outwards and bringing the first floor crashing down.

Peering in from the garden, a double bed could be seen lying in the rubble with other pieces of Ms Black's collection of Victorian furniture, much of it handed down by her mother.

In the garden, the English Channel had moved closer as soil fell down the cliff. The lawn, which has deep fissures, resembled a pile of rolled carpets waiting to tumble over at any moment with the bird table and clothes line.

The main movement at Blackgang, which began on Wednesday, seems to be over but the damage continues.

On the buckled road at the front of the cottage, Rex Watson took a last look at his silver BMW. The weight of the earth on the boot had lifted the front wheels.

Mr Watson has suffered greatly because of the area's peculiar geology. In 1978, his cottage fell down the cliff and this time the caravan that replaced it went the same way. He is resigned to the march of nature: "It is a fairly slow process, like a glacier. I shall probably come back in ten years and find the remains of my BMW on the beach. Then I shall be able to get into the boot and see what's in it."

The hippies living in caravans close to the slip showed no sign of going yesterday. "They say move out but where do people go?" Hayden Wood, 26, said. A friend added: "When it goes, we'll go. We are not silly, we don't want to die."

South Wight Borough Council has enlisted the help of Dr Alan Clark, of Rendel Geotechnics, the company that is helping to stabilise the coast south of Scarborough where Holbeck Hall Hotel fell into the sea last year. He said the Blackgang slide appeared to be stabilising but rain could trigger it off again.

☐ Those who have lost homes and belongings are unlikely to receive compensation (Sara McConnell, personal finance correspondent, writes). Most buildings and contents insurance policies exclude cover for coastal erosion on the ground that it is a certainty rather than a one-off natural disaster.

The Association of British Insurers said: "Coastal erosion is normally excluded from policies." Even those willing to pay the first part of any claim themselves are unlikely to find an insurer to take the risk because of the probability of a claim.

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Vanished £1m earns Florida Phil six years

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE security guard nicknamed Florida Phil, who became Britain's most wanted man after stealing almost £1 million, was jailed yesterday for six years.

The money has never been recovered. Philip Wells, 48, who has spent nine months in custody could, with remission, serve under four years.

He went on the run around the world for four years, earning his nickname from one of his supposed destinations. He was arrested in east London after trying to sell his story to a newspaper. Wells claims he carried out the theft from Heathrow airport under pressure from a gang who threatened the lives of his family.

Judge Miller, sentencing him at Isleworth Crown Court, said: "No doubt there were others involved besides you, but you played a major role because it was you who had the responsibility for taking this currency from the aircraft to secure premises.

"You were caught because of your own greed. You came into this country and tried to sell your story to *The Sun* newspaper. Acting in a public-spirited way, *The Sun* informed the police."

He dismissed the claim by Wells that he had received only £30,000 for his involvement in the theft. During Wells's trial, the court was told that he had taken a string of lovers and had married a ballet dancer from Uzbekistan during travels that also took him to France, Malta, America, North Africa and the Balkans.

Wells, of Hounslow, west London, was also sentenced to concurrent terms totalling six months for admitted offences of possessing and using a false passport and having a fake driving licence.

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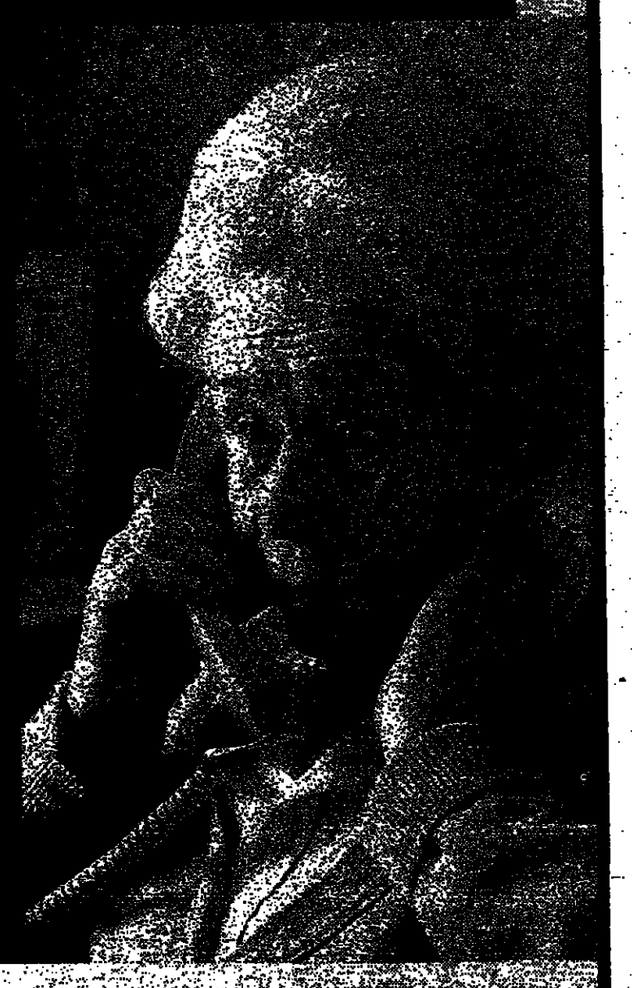
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Eyes of the world focus on Hubble's perfect images

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS expect fresh discoveries of galaxies, planets and black holes after repairs to the Hubble space telescope by the Nasa shuttle team.

Distant stars and galaxies that previously appeared as little more than smudges should be discernible now that the flawed lens has been corrected to almost perfect operating power.

Pictures returning from the orbiting craft have the sharpness and detail that scientists had hoped for when Hubble was launched four years ago. Professor Alexander Boksenberg, of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, Cambridge, said yesterday that the clutch of new images, including one of a galaxy called M100 that is 50 million light years away, "could not be better".

Professor Roger Bonnet, of the European Space Agency, a partner in Hubble, said: "We can now see objects in fine detail several billions of light years away." Before the correction, astronomers had to rely on sometimes misleading computer enhancements. "Now we can see inside galaxies and see individual stars," Prof Bonnet said. "The speed of the stars, for example, indicates the presence of a black hole and we will be able to observe this."

Closer to home, the telescope will be able to observe chance events, such as storms on Saturn, in greater detail. Professor Andrew King, of Leicester University's physics and astronomy department, said yesterday that its calculations indicated that Hubble could now resolve an image on Mars down to five kilometres.

Much of Hubble's time will be spent on pinpointing black holes, those areas in space where it is believed a star has collapsed and where powerful gravitational forces are sucking in light and matter.

Prof Boksenberg said: "You cannot directly see a black hole." Instead, Hubble will look for effects that indicate a hole's presence. Apart from stars spinning and swirling at alarming speeds under its gravitational influence, black holes may be detected by huge pulses of energy as objects are sucked in and collide.

Stars known as cephids, often called the candles of the universe, will also come under Hubble's improved gaze. Cephids, whose light ebbs and flows, can tell astronomers how far away galaxies are. "Imagine a candle one foot away and move it two feet away. The light on your face will have gone down by a factor of four by the inverse square law," Prof Boksenberg said. "It is the same with the stars. If you can see how bright they appear, you can know how far away they are."

The existence of elusive galaxies is made known by an effect called gravitational lensing. Light from a distant star or quasar, an extremely bright object at the edges of the universe, is bent by the gravity of objects in-between. The effects of the bending can now be picked up by Hubble, letting astronomers focus on areas that might contain a "new" galaxy.

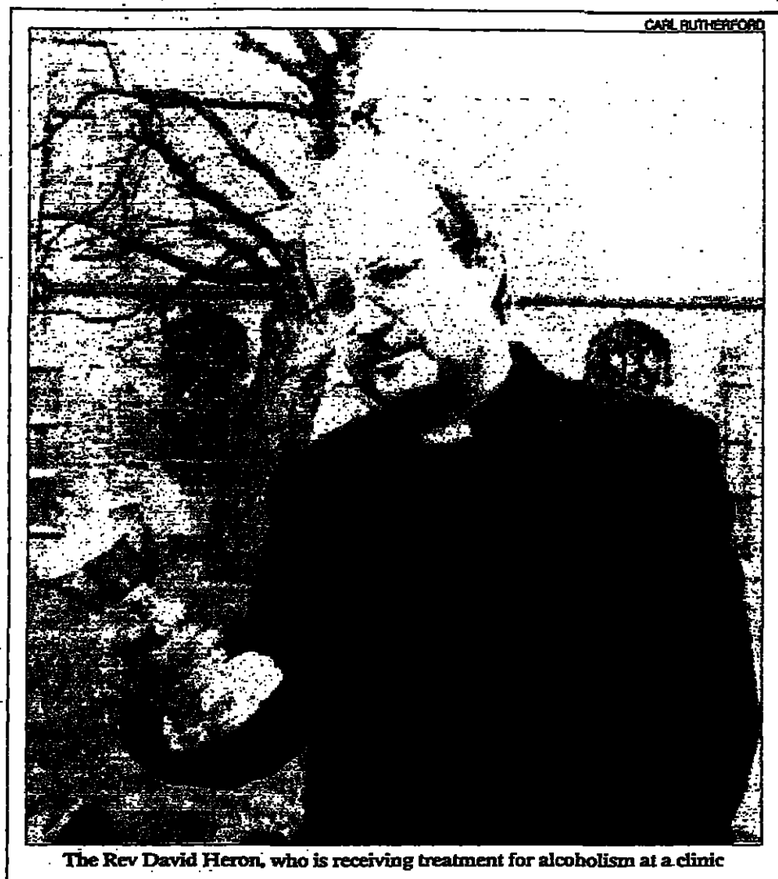
Observing such effects can also help to reveal the rate at which the universe is expanding. Astronomers believe that the universe began with a "big bang" between 10 and 15 billion years ago and since then has been expanding. "The rate of expansion can be measured by the change in time light takes getting round this lens," Prof Boksenberg said. Once that rate is more accurately calculated, the age of the universe can be more precisely dated.

A factor influencing the rate of expansion is the density of material in the universe. If the density is high, the universe could collapse on itself in an effect called the "big crunch". If the density is low, the universe could continue expanding. Hubble observations should allow astronomers to see which scenario is more likely.



Newly formed stars pictured by Hubble

CARL RUTHERFORD



The Rev David Heron, who is receiving treatment for alcoholism at a clinic

Drunk in charge of a funeral

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE pall bearers carried the coffin into the chapel, then carried the vicar out because he was too drunk to continue. The Rev David Heron fell over several times during the morning ceremony at Durham crematorium.

The funeral for Tommy Alderson, 69, a former miner, was completed by a lay member from his church. That night, the Rt Rev Alan Smithson, an embarrassed Bishop of Jarrow, visited the home of the dead man's relatives to apologise for Mr Heron's behaviour. The Rt Rev David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham, also sent his apologies to the family.

Mr Heron, 44, vicar of St Stephen's Church in Willington, has since been relieved of his clerical duties and is receiving treatment in a clinic for people suffering from alcohol problems.

Yesterday, Gerald Bryant, one of the mourners at the service, said: "The vicar was so drunk he could hardly stand up. It was only 9.30 but it was obvious he had had a skinful. At one point the church warden had to prop him up as he fell over."

Mr Bryant, who runs Mr Alderson's local pub, said: "I think it would have been distressing for close relatives, but looking back now it was comical and I think Tommy would be chuckling in his coffin."

He said that, before the service started, the vicar was slumped in a pew at the rear of the chapel, rocking backwards and forwards on his elbows. "At one point he referred to Tommy as 'Our dear departed sister'. He kept repeating himself and was singing at the top of his voice completely out of tune."

Dr Jenkins said: "I reiterate to all concerned, and especially to the deceased's near relatives, our great regret over this unseemly and unfortunate event. Mr Heron was unable to conduct a funeral service owing to the effects of alcohol."

Mr Heron, who is married, became vicar of Willington in 1981. He trained at King's College London and was ordained as a priest in 1974.

Legal clerk jailed for aiding fugitives

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A SOLICITORS' clerk who helped two escaped Strangeways rioters while they were on the run was jailed for a year yesterday.

Patricia Marsh, 23, went to meet her client Anthony Bush, 29, after receiving a telephone call from him in the early hours of the morning. He and four other rioters had escaped from Manchester Crown Court during their trial in February last year.

For 14 hours she acted as chauffeur for Bush and a convicted killer, Alan Lord, 32, who was then Britain's most wanted man. When stopped at a police road block, she convinced the officers that they were her friends. She took the escapers to her home before driving them to a rendezvous where friends picked them up.

Members of her family burst into tears as she was sentenced yesterday at Manchester Crown Court, the building from which the prisoners she helped had escaped.

Judge Humphries said: "You knew they had escaped, you knew about their records, and you knew there was a manhunt. Those who help serious criminals who have escaped deserve imprisonment." The judge added: "I accept that you had been put in a situation which was quite inappropriate for someone of your age and experience."

Marsh, of The Brook, Liverpool, was cleared by a jury last month of helping the escape of the men by passing a pen torch to Bush, but she pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting Bush and Lord after the escape.

It was alleged that Marsh, a clerk with the Liverpool solicitors Kieran Fielding, became close to Bush at the riot trial. trial, but she denied any impropriety.

Marsh claimed she had not told police about the early morning telephone call because she was "terrified". Her counsel, David Aubrey, said she had made a fateful mistake in agreeing to meet Bush and panicked when she found that Lord was also there. "She did not know which way to turn," Mr Aubrey said. "She acted in a manner she bitterly regrets."

Channel 4 topples BBC2 in ratings war

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CHANNEL 4 overtook BBC2 last year in the television ratings battle, the first time in its ten-year history. The channel's average audience share rose by more than 8 per cent to 11 per cent in 1993.

The channel was the only commercial broadcaster to increase its viewing over the year. The audience share of BBC2 fell to 10.2 per cent.

The results give a clear signal that Channel 4 has succeeded in turning its remit to produce innovative programmes into a commercial asset, even in the face of competition from cable and satellite television. The channel broke away from ITV at the beginning of 1993 and began selling its own advertising air time for the first time.

John Willis, Channel 4's director of programmes, said: "We were delighted to score a record 12.2 per cent share in the second week of our homelessness season."

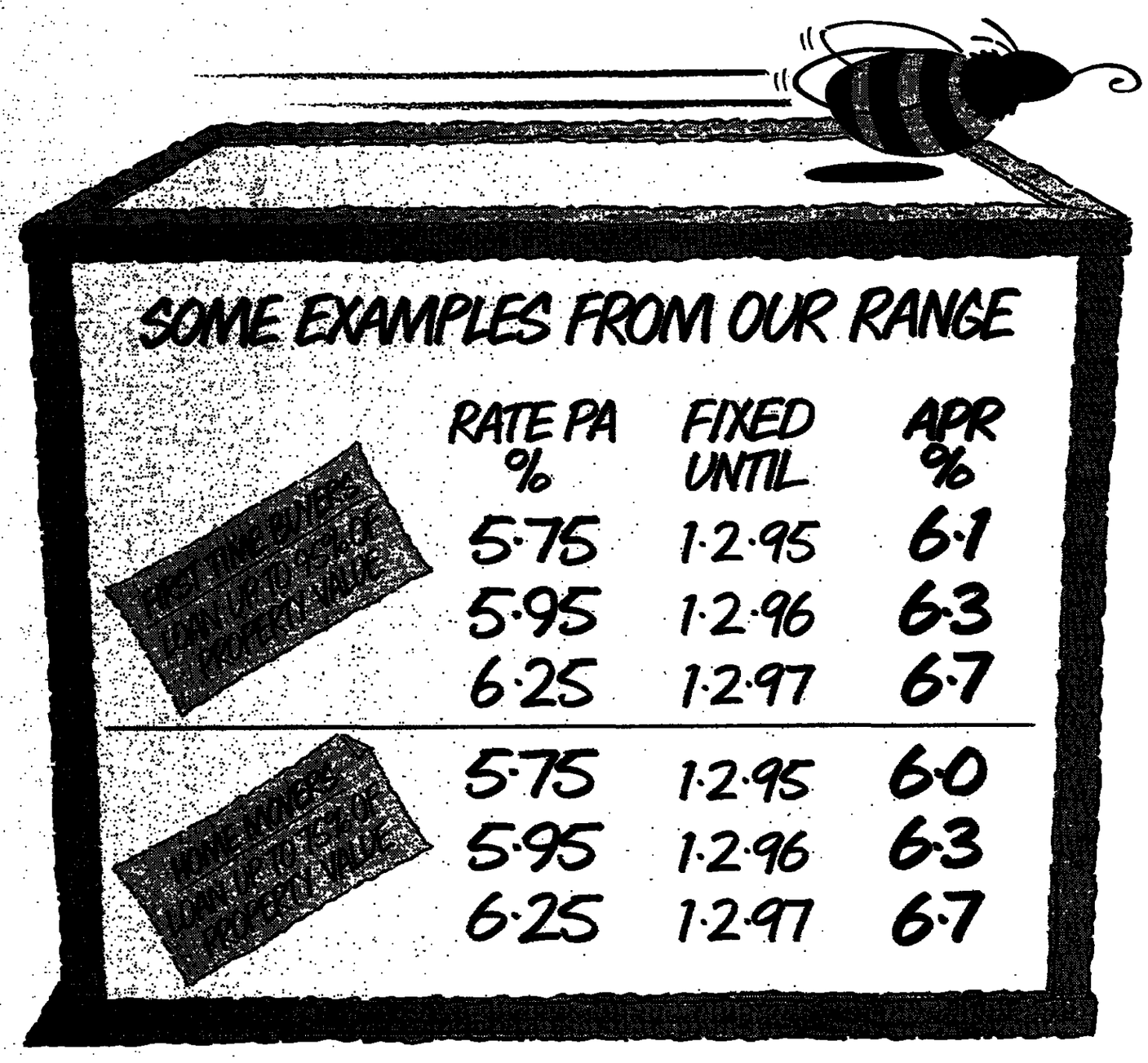
Channel 4's ratings success is due largely to its decision to concentrate on day-time television and to replace its breakfast news in autumn 1992 with *The Big Breakfast*.

☐ The Independent Television Commission has warned commercial broadcasters about a worrying increase in the number of family programmes in which knives are used as offensive weapons.

In its latest quarterly report the commission, which regulates and licenses commercial television companies, records five instances where knives featured in programmes or previews shown during the early part of the evening.

It has warned broadcasters that greater vigilance will be required of them in 1994.

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Rampaging children leave care home 'like the Blitz'

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A HEALTH minister is demanding to know why a children's home allowed a 10-year-old boy and three friends to escape in the middle of the night, get drunk, then return and smash up the premises.

Three boys and a girl, the oldest aged 14, left Oakhill House in Birmingham "looking like a scene from the Blitz" after being left in the care of two social workers.

Their rampage was the latest in a series of violent incidents at the home, where police used riot shields and truncheons to protect themselves during a disturbance last May. Oakhill House is an assessment centre for youngsters placed in voluntary care because of problems such as abuse, bad behaviour or the loss of parents.

John Bowis, a junior health minister, has asked the Social Service Inspectorate to investigate the running of Oakhill House by Birmingham City Council. Neighbours in an exclusive part of Harborne are campaigning for its closure.

In the latest incident, three boys and a girl smashed 19 double-glazed windows using bricks and stones, damaged the home's minibus and released the handbrake of a social worker's car so that it rolled down a hill and crashed into a wall.

A police source said the home looked "like a scene from the Blitz". At Ladywood police station, a doctor considered the children, who were intoxicated from drinking alcohol, unfit to be interviewed that night.

The children will appear at Birmingham youth court today charged with violent disorder. Three face charges of causing criminal damage. Two have returned to Oakhill and the others have been sent to a different children's home.

A Health Department spokesman said: "We want the local authority to explain why two inexperienced staff were left in control of a home and allowed a child of ten to leave at midnight. We are also asking questions of the local authority, and officials will brief John Bowis about this."

After the incident last May, when six youngsters went on the rampage in a dispute over bedtimes, Tim Yeo, who was a junior health minister, requested a report from Birmingham.

At the time, the Health Department accepted the city council's assurance that it "had taken acceptable measures to run the home properly". Since then, "there have been a number of incidents".

In November, youths began breaking windows to express their irritation at a fellow resident who set off a fire alarm five times. A 13-year-old boy involved in that incident was among those involved in the latest escapade.

In December, three girls smuggled cannabis into the home then set fire to their barricaded bedroom. Hours later, a 10-year-old boy there went berserk and caused considerable damage.

"The local authority is now looking at reducing the number of children accommodated at Oakhill," said the health spokesman.

Social workers fear that youngsters sent to Oakhill House are beginning to feel obliged to behave badly to maintain its notorious reputation.

"These are not children — they are monsters," said Dame Jill Knight, the MP for Birmingham Edgbaston, who is supporting the call for the home's closure.

Yesterday, the children, described by Supt Alan Wilkes as "a little bit shame-faced", were interviewed in the presence of their social workers. They had told social workers they were invited into an adult's home and offered liquor, a claim which police are investigating at the council's request.

Graham Green, Tory social services spokesman, accused the Labour-run council of "very lax" management of the home.



Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, on his soapbox yesterday to launch a competition inviting ideas for the refurbishment of Marble Arch and Speakers' Corner in central London. The emphasis will be on diverting traffic away from the arch, which stands isolated on one of Europe's busiest roundabouts. The main prizewinner will receive £10,000, with other prizes ranging from £2,000 to £7,500

Boy, 2, survives for three days beside mother's body

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A BOY aged two lived for up to three days with the corpse of his mother, eating leftovers from cooking pots and carrots.

Police said James McIntosh was extremely distressed when discovered. His mother Lynn, 19, is thought to have died of a drug overdose up to three days earlier at their flat in Glasgow.

The boy was taken to Yorkhill children's hospital suffering from dehydration and hunger. Yesterday the hospital said he was "very stable, not giving cause for concern and eating well".

Police were called to the flat, which is used by the council for emergency accommodation, on Thursday after a friend of Miss McIntosh became concerned that she had not answered her door for three days. She alerted a neighbour and the door was smashed open. When they found James, they called his mother's uncle, Frank McIntosh, and the emergency services.

Mr McIntosh said yesterday that James would probably be cared for by his grandparents. "They love him to bits," he said.

Miss McIntosh and her son are believed to have lived in the flat for only three months. Neighbours said she was a quiet person, and they had not heard any cries from James. Andrew Norris, one of the neighbours, said: "The circumstances are tragic. It is not something you ever expect on your own doorstep."

James will be assessed by medical staff and social workers while in hospital. Strathclyde Regional Council said: "Normally the best option would be to have him cared for by his family. At this point he is a very confused child and needs a lot of love and counselling."

Police said there did not appear to be any suspicious circumstances surrounding Miss McIntosh's death. A post-mortem examination will be carried out and a report will be made to the Procurator Fiscal.

Abductor's partner escapes jail term

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE girl friend of Peter Malkin, the man jailed last week after abducting his 12-year-old son from France, escaped a prison sentence yesterday thanks to the generosity of the boy's mother.

As Audrey Donnelly, 45, left the High Court, it was announced that Mr Malkin is to appeal against the 18-month sentence imposed when he returned to England from Egypt with his son Oliver.

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, decided that Mrs Donnelly, who plans to marry Mr Malkin as soon as he is released from Pentonville prison, played only a secondary role in the abduction.

After hearing that Elisa Pridmore, Oliver's mother, did not wish Mrs Donnelly to be jailed for contempt of court, Sir Stephen asked her to give a "solemn undertaking" that she would not attempt to abduct the boy again.

Mrs Donnelly, who represented herself at the hearing, told the court: "I'm very sorry, I really am. I had no idea that Oliver was made a ward of court. Had I done, I would never have gone to France. I went with Peter because I love him, he is my life and we plan to marry."

Henry Setright, corr, counsel for Mrs Pridmore, 36, told the court: "It is the mother's view that she doesn't wish to see Mrs Donnelly be committed to prison."

Judges let doctor halt life-saving treatment

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A MAN with severe, permanent brain damage caused by a drugs overdose should be allowed to die, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

The 24-year-old man, known only as 'S', has been in a persistent vegetative state for two and a half years.

His feeding tube became accidently dislodged on Monday and doctors with the agreement of his family decided not to reconnect it.

The appeal court backed a judgment by Mr Justice Swinton, who sanctioned the decision by the doctors not to reconnect the tube. He is expected to die within days at Cossham hospital, Bristol.

The case is believed to be the first since Tony Bland, the Hillsborough victim, was allowed to last year, four years after he was crushed at the stadium. Up to 1,000 patients are believed to be in a persistent vegetative state in Britain with no chance of recovery.

Rejecting an appeal by the Official Solicitor, acting on behalf of 'S', the judges unanimously ruled that the decision not to reconnect the feeding tube had been properly taken. Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lords Justices Waite and Peter Gibson, said: "Here we have a careful, professional and clearly very thoughtful conclusion expressed by a consultant of the highest standing with knowledge of this patient over a period of years. It is an opinion shared by other doctors who have had the opportunity of seeing the patient over a period of years."

After the Tony Bland case, it was said that pressure would be brought on relatives by hospitals because of the cost of caring for such patients, estimated at £2,000 a week. But specialists said the case would help them respond to public pressure to moderate life-saving measures when the outcome looked poor. The ruling showed there was no legal duty to provide useless treatment.

The Royal College of Nursing said the time between removing the feeding tube and death, expected to be 10 to 14 days, should be extremely difficult for nurses.

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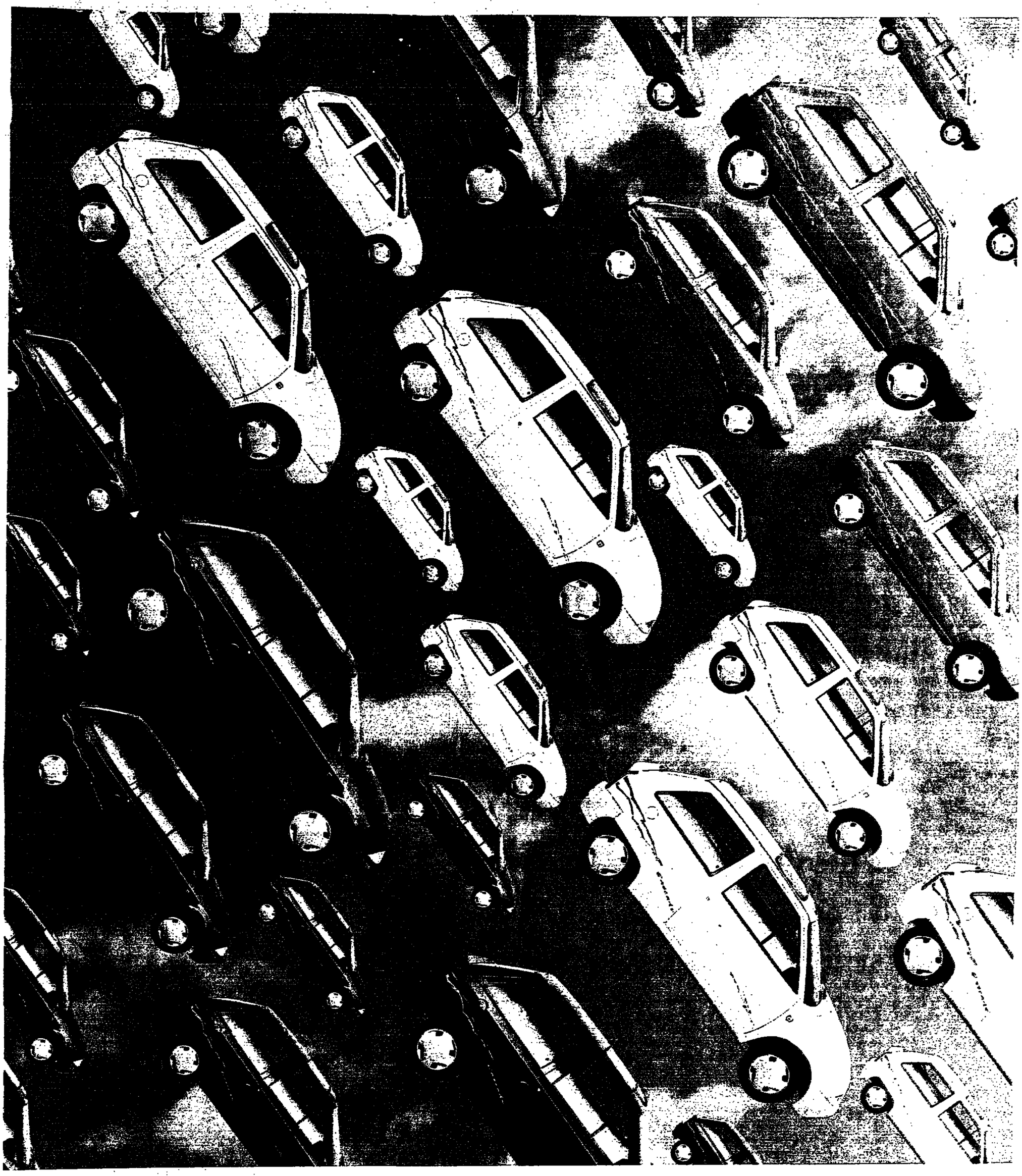
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Critics from all sides attack selection of panels and punishing schedule

Starter for 10: rewrite school curriculum before Easter

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON

THE battle for the new national curriculum started yesterday as the choice of 190 people to shape it provoked a barrage of criticism.

Sir Ron Dearing's honeymoon as the Government's senior education adviser ended with the naming of 15 working groups charged with rewriting the curriculum. About two-thirds of the members are practising teachers — mostly heads or deputies — with the remainder generally local authority advisers or academics. Seven are drawn from business.

But teaching unions and politicians questioned the basis on which the groups were selected and there was criticism of the punishing schedule. While it took four years to draw up the original ten-subject curriculum, the groups have just ten weeks to produce alternatives designed to last into the next century.

Critics argue that the speed of the review inevitably limits accountability and increases the influence of officials from the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, who are chairing every committee. Subject groups are scheduled to meet only three times.

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, expressed concern at the balance on the 15 committees. "Some of the same names keep cropping up every time a new education quango is established. You can't help wondering whether some of them have a 'minder' role," she said.

The left and the right both criticised the inclusion of controversial opponents. The history and English groups, the two subjects most likely to prove contentious, both include traditionalists championed by right-wingers in earlier curriculum battles.

Martin Turner, director of the Dyslexia Institute who quit his local authority post after starting a national debate over the teaching of reading, is a member of the English group. He promised yesterday to take a hard line to safeguard the primacy of traditional methods of teaching children to read.

Chris McGovern, a teacher at Homewood House preparatory school, Kent, is in the history group. He was dismissed from a local authority school after complaining that GCSE courses placed too little emphasis on facts.

Nick Seaton, chairman of the Campaign for Real Education, said the appointments included several "sinister" names of people who organised last summer's industrial action. "The choice of appointments shows that teachers own the curriculum, instead of parents and employers. The danger is that the committees, egged on by the left-wingers in their midst, will seek to reduce the rigour of the curriculum to make teachers' lives easier rather than reduce the bureaucracy."

In English, even the starting point of the review is in dispute. Revised orders put forward by the National Curriculum Council shortly before its abolition are being used as the basis of the exercise, rather than the current curriculum.

Anne Barnes, general secretary of the National Association of English Teachers, said: "We are optimistic that the working party will come up with an acceptable solution. It has an extraordinarily tight timetable when you consider that the English orders still present huge problems."

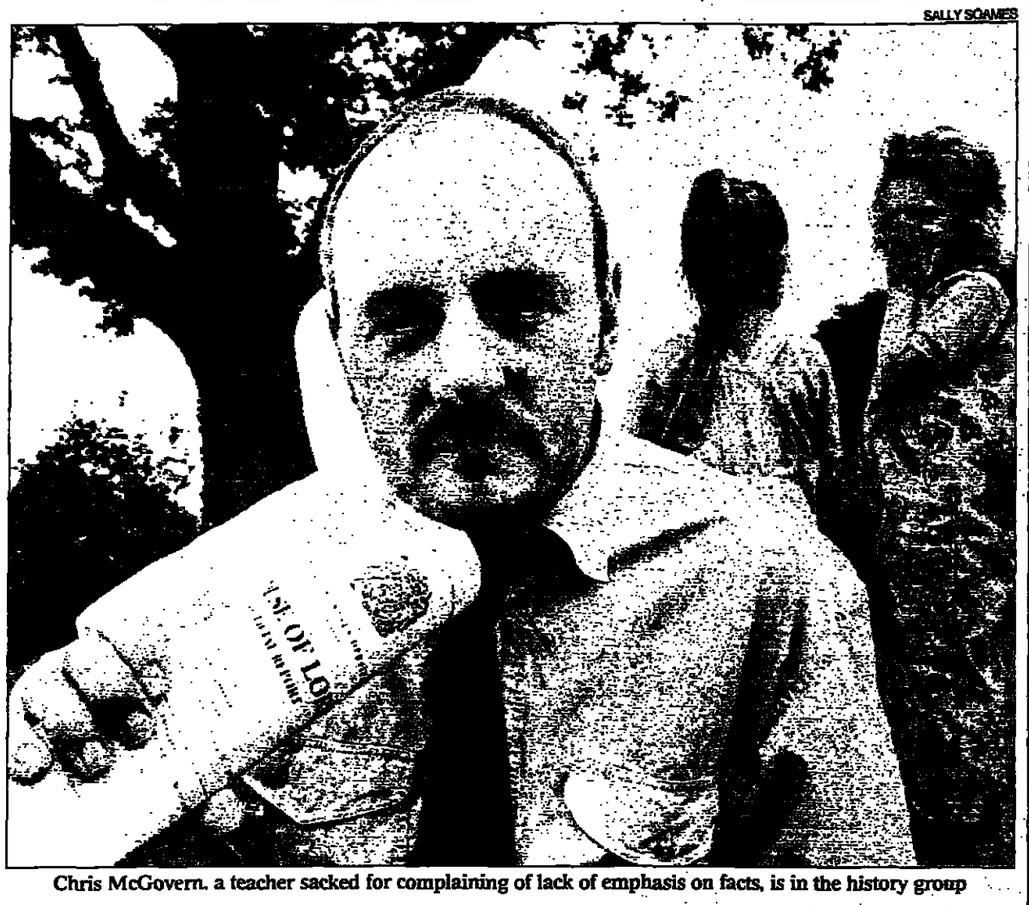
Chris Woodhead, chief executive of the curriculum authority, said: "Members of the groups have been selected to create a balance between those with subject-specific knowledge and those with an overview of the wider curriculum."

Teaching unions were frustrated that only a handful of their nominations had been appointed to the groups. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said it was depressing that none of its 13 nominees was chosen. He said the choice of heads rather than classroom teachers with experience of the curriculum's faults risked repeating previous errors.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers nominated six senior officers, and only the president, John Rowland, was selected. Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary, said: "We are concerned that so many of the members of these groups are accountable to no one but themselves."

The Professional Association of Teachers said it was surprised that none of its four nominees was accepted. The National Association of Head Teachers secured one berth from nine nominations. Only three of the 26 people put forward by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers were successful.

SALLY SOAMES



Chris McGovern, a teacher sacked for complaining of lack of emphasis on facts, is in the history group

Teaching unions drop boycott of tests and isolate NUT

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A THREAT to repeat last summer's boycott of national curriculum tests lifted yesterday as two teaching unions moved towards a settlement.

The key moderate union, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL), urged members not to disrupt this year's tests and decided to make formal classroom assessment the target of industrial action against excessive workload.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT), which led last summer's boycott, followed suit and dropped its action against testing at an executive committee meeting in Birmingham.

The move broke the united front of the three big classroom unions that wrecked testing in most schools last summer and forced the Government into policy retreats.

The biggest and most militant union, the National Union of Teachers, is now isolated and on an apparent collision course with John Patten, the Education Secretary.

The union has a mandate to continue its action against tests, the first of which are due next month. But ministers, who have hinted that they might change the law to safeguard this year's tests, have already rejected its call for a two-year moratorium on statutory testing and assessment.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the NAS/UWT, said the decision not to disrupt testing was taken in recognition of the enormous progress made after the Government's acceptance of Sir Ron Dearing's recommendations to reduce the curriculum and testing. The union's boycott would instead be aimed solely at assessment by teachers.

Peter Smith, general secretary of ATL, said it was absolutely clear that the tests were now shorter and easier to administer, answering his union's main complaint. In recognition, the executive was recommending that the union's 147,000 members should not boycott work directly related to the national tests for pupils aged 7, 11, and 14.

Credo

Rome offers new catechism with ancient wisdom

David McLoughlin

We are told by our intellectual French neighbours that we are in the midst of a post-liberal, post-modern era in which the great meta-narratives have collapsed. In that context the new catechism of the Roman Catholic Church seems a brave attempt by the bishops of a world church to share the wholeness of the Christian vision with their peoples.

It does not dictate any set means of method, nor does it presume any facile New World Order for its context. It is not an end in itself but rather a resource book, a new category of magisterial document.

The original call for such a text came from bishops from Asia and Africa. The context is the post-Vatican II period, in which theological debate and reform have been rich, passionate and often partisan. But how were the fruits of this renewal, going back over a hundred years, to be passed on? It was that concern that found a wider interest among the world's bishops.

The Catechism for the Universal Church attempts an inclusive account of the Catholic Christian heritage East and West. It is the first such account since the separation of Eastern and Western Christianity in the 11th century.

It is offered to the pastors of a world church, millions of whose members have only just become free to proclaim their faith and who have few or no resources for teaching and formation. It draws as much on the traditions of worship and prayer, and on the lives of holy men and women, as on the history of doctrine and moral teaching.

If the Christian East finds some of the theology strange, never having experienced the reforms of the Vatican council, then we in the West may find the more contemplative style of sections a shock to our more critical and pragmatic tendencies. It is a challenge to our religious sensibilities, going beyond the individualism and rationalism of so much of our lives to an older more contemplative reading of scripture and tradition.

The tone throughout is very different to its Counter Reformation predecessors. Aggressive apologetics have been dropped. It confidently offers an ancient wisdom as still capable of enlightening the minds and hearts of men and women seeking lives of coherence and purpose.

The doing of this, the process of catechesis, requires sensitive reading of local realities and reframing of the Christian message in ways that address local experience and the conditions of local communities.

What this remarkable text aims to do is to keep the horizon broad and the content of such local projects rich and deep.

The writing and reception of the catechism is being played out in the midst of tensions that characterise the shift from a church that for centuries had grown more centralised and uniform to a communion of local churches, in collegial relationship, united but not uniform. This shift is not taking place without reaction and opposition; responses to the Catechism tend to focus such tensions.

The text is as good as the minds and hearts of those who produced and edited it. Its richness is there for all to see, its weaknesses and inadequacies will become apparent as it is used and, no doubt, abused.

Father David McLoughlin is a lecturer in theology at Oscott College, Birmingham

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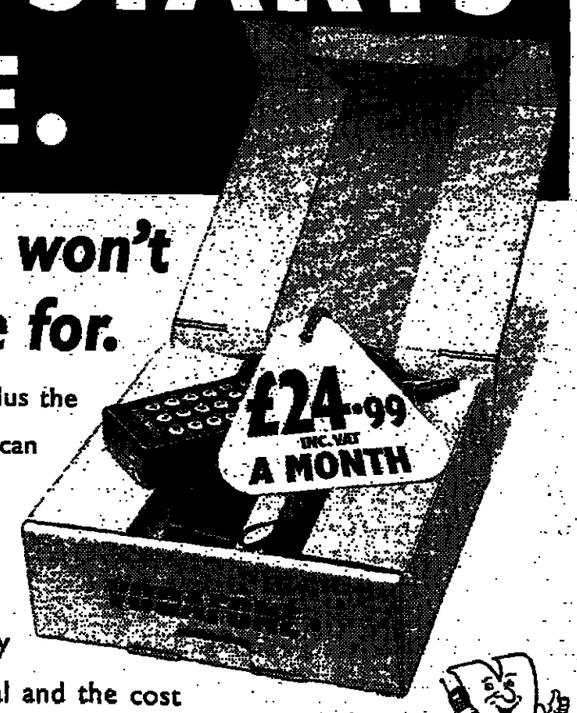
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Britain turns back the clock on cars

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

PUBLIC concern over air pollution is causing British cities to draft plans to crack down on the motor car. In Edinburgh, Leeds, Coventry, Leicester, Peterborough and Middlesbrough, the clock is being turned back to the days of the tram, bus and bicycle.

The schemes are aimed at breaking peoples' dependency on cars by offering attractive alternatives and, in the long term, bringing them back to work and live in city centres rather than commute.

Many cities are hoping to steer new housing, business, shopping and leisure developments into urban areas instead of greenfield sites.

The Environment Department is sending clear signals that out-of-town superstores and small settlements, which encourage car use, are less likely to be approved.

David Curry, the environment minister, told *The Times*: "If people want to live in the countryside it is not my job to say they are morally reprehensible. But neither is it my job to permit a planning system that give people no choice but to move out to Chez Nous or Shangri-La."

Underpining the new mood is "sustainability", which is set to become the environment buzzword of the 1990s. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, has defined the concept as development that does not cheat on your children.



In **Leicester** "not cheating on your children" means building a new railway line called Ivanhoe linking the city with Loughborough and, later, Burton-on-Trent and Derby. Sixteen stations will link villages and small towns with urban centres.

Over ten years, Leicester's main bus routes will be improved and given priority at lights. Under a £5 million Leicester cycling strategy the network of cycleways is to be boosted to 95 miles so that 10 per cent of journeys are made by pedal power.

In **Peterborough**, that 10 per cent cycling target has already been met and is expanding.

In **Middlesbrough**, a computerised car share scheme is operating and preferential parking for multi-occupancy cars is being considered.

In **Leeds** a light rail network, Supertram, similar to one operating in Manchester, is being examined. Student accommodation may be sited more centrally as part of a move to repopulate the city centre. A low emission bus called Guided Bus, which would run down a central reservation, is being studied.

GEOFF ROBINSON



The cycle tracks around Peterborough offer a safe alternative to busy roads

Edinburgh puts brake on fumes

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

TRAFFIC pollution is bad in Edinburgh. Many workers live in the city centre but refuse to forgo their cars, even for short journeys to the office.

Nitrogen dioxide levels have consistently breached EC limits. A survey by the district council in 1992 found that ten of 13 sites examined over 12 months exceeded nitrogen dioxide limits.

Richard Carson, director of environmental services, said: "The results were bad and we suffered bad publicity as a result, but we were one of the few cities with the courage to do this research and I think you will find that anywhere else would have the same results. We decided to tackle the issue."

The latest measure is a £3.9 million project, launched last week by the district council and Lothian Regional Council, to cut the traffic on the historic Royal Mile, which links Edinburgh Castle and Holyroodhouse.

A transport charter had already been introduced in an effort to reduce pollution. Council workers are obliged to use the most environmentally friendly method of transport when carrying out local government work. Businesses, too, are being encouraged to adopt this scheme.

In May, during the Festival of the Environment, there will be a no-car day. Bicycle couriers are being encouraged to replace motorcycles, vans powered by natural gas will be tried and the council is testing a gun that gives accurate pollution readings from passing cars, like a radar speed gun.

Other measures include a "greenway" route, which gives buses priority. Vehicles except buses will be banned from Princes Street, and it may be pedestrianised.

Not all of the charter's efforts have been successful, however. A car-sharing scheme failed because of lack of interest.

Mr Carson said: "If something is not done then in 25 years' time the damage we will have done to the environment will be irreversible."

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Solicitors jailed for cheque plot

TWO solicitors were jailed for three years yesterday for handling a stolen Inland Revenue cheque worth nearly a million pounds.

The Old Bailey was told that Kingsy Hung, 45, and Simon Lin, 32, tried to have a cheque for £909,203, made out to the Electricty Supply Pension Scheme, cashed. The businessman they contacted went to the police.

The solicitors were arrested after undercover officers pretended to be interested in cashing stolen cheques and tape-recorded meetings at London hotels. Dorian Lovell-Pank, for the prosecution, said that Hung and Lin, of the firm Kingsy Hung in Soho, London, boasted at the meetings that they could obtain stolen cheques totalling £5 million. They said criminal contacts could get cheques from the city councils of Birmingham and Westminster, post offices and the Inland Revenue.

Hung, of Kensal Rise, northwest London, Lin, of Wembley Park, west London, and Lin's girl friend, Lisa Tsui, 35, a beautician and mother of two, of Mill Hill, northwest London, were convicted at Southwark Crown Court last year of conspiring to handle stolen goods. The case was transferred to the Old Bailey for sentence. Tsui was jailed for two and a half years.

The court was told that Hung and Lyn will be banned from practising as solicitors.

WPC hit by car tells of ordeal

By Paul Wilkinson

A POLICEWOMAN mown down at a vehicle check point believed she was going to die as the car changed direction towards her. "I tried to get out of the way, but I knew I was going to be run over," said Paula Mullins, a probationer who joined South Yorkshire police only 16 months ago.

She suffered severe injuries in the incident on Wednesday night as she and a male colleague checked for stolen cars on the Wybourn estate in Sheffield. Doctors at the city's Northern General Hospital are treating her for fractures to her skull, cheek, both shoulder blades and a leg.

Speaking from her hospital bed, WPC Mullins, 27, said: "The person who did this to me must be found and locked away. When I first looked in the mirror and saw my face I didn't think I looked too bad, but then my eyes are not focusing properly. But the doctors say I should be okay. I just want to get well and return to work."

Both officers were wearing reflective jackets as they flagged down a blue Ford Escort soon after pub closing time. When they realised the driver was not going to stop they stepped aside, but the car swung towards Miss Mullins.

Two men arrested on Thursday have now been released without charge and police have renewed their appeal for more information about the car involved.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Adams in action

THE Fide Championship starts tomorrow at Wijk aan Zee in The Netherlands. Michael Adams faces the strong Belorussian grandmaster Boris Gelfand.

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Anand (India) v Yusupov (Russia)
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Kramnik (Russia) v Yudasin (Israel)

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White: Boris Gelfand
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3	d5	b5
4	cxb5	a6
5	f3	axb5
6	e4	Qa5+
7	Bd2	b4
8	Na3	d6
9	Nc4	Qc7
10	a3	bxa3
11	Rxa3	Rxa3
12	Nxa3	g6
13	Nb5	Qb7
14	Qa4	Nbd7
15	Ba5	Bh6
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45	Bxd1	Bxd1
46	Ne4	Ba7
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With the British grandmaster two pieces ahead, White soon resigned

Diagram of final position



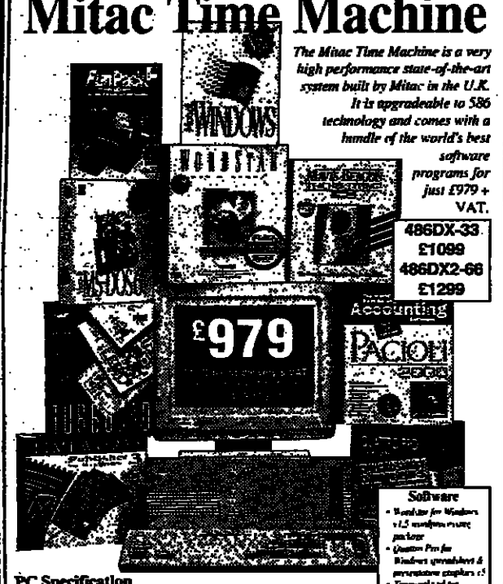
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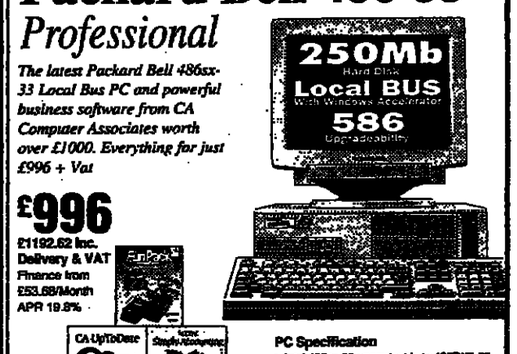
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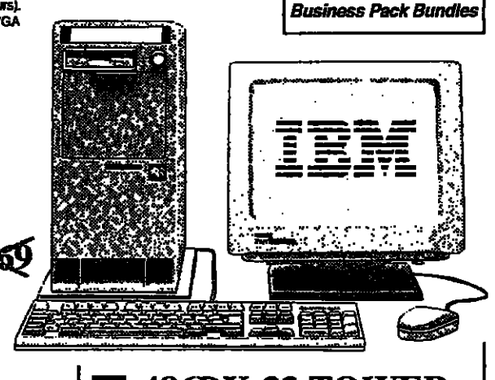
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Hezbollah suspends attacks in run-up to Clinton summit

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN TYRE

■ Syria, hoping to improve its image, has told the Shia guerrillas to halt their Lebanon-based operations against Israel. Damascus may be softening its negotiating stance

THE pro-Iranian Hezbollah organisation, which has fought for more than a decade against Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon, has suspended its military operations in advance of tomorrow's summit between President Clinton and President Assad of Syria.

In a move which could presage a softening of Damascus's policy towards Israel, the hills and valleys of the last active war zone of the Arab-Israeli conflict, normally rumbling with the sound of artillery and the clatter of machineguns, have been silent for more than a week.

"December was the most violent month since 1988; we recorded about 80 to 90 operations," said a spokesman for Unifil, the UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon. "Now there is nothing. Everything has stopped. The place is unbelievably quiet."

His comments came before Israeli forces briefly shelled the area around the southern Lebanese village of Shaqra yesterday, wounding a shepherd and killing a large number of sheep, security sources said. Hezbollah guerrillas have been active in the area.

In a separate incident in southern Lebanon, a Hezbollah guerrilla was wounded in a clash between members of the militant group and the Syrian-backed Amal movement in the village of Khirbet Silm. Sources said that the brief clash was sparked by a dispute over the use of a mosque in the village.

Otherwise, the region has been calm after a meeting in Damascus last week where senior Syrian officials reportedly instructed Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, Hezbollah's secretary-general, to suspend operations by his well-trained and highly motivated guerrillas, who launched hundreds of operations last year, killing 25 Israeli soldiers.

However, Damascus now appears anxious to improve its image with Washington and may be ready to soften its negotiating position when talks resume this month with Israel to negotiate "land for peace" agreements over southern Lebanon and the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in 1967 and annexed by Israel.

"President Assad is not going to Geneva to negotiate and defend the Golan. He is going to defend all Arab causes and at their forefront Lebanon before Syria," President Hrawi of Lebanon said of Mr Clinton's summit with President Assad, after speaking to his Syrian counterpart yesterday. "I hope things will be studied in depth so that the meeting does not amount to a concord meeting," he said. "I think President Assad is not going there to make a mutual love meeting only, but to solve a crisis." The prospect of an end to years of attacks and reprisal raids has not been greeted with enthusiasm by everyone in southern Lebanon. In particular, the 3,000-strong South Lebanon Army, paid and trained by Israel to patrol the border "security zone" established in 1985, fears that its role will become redundant without the conflict.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, has recently attempted to allay the growing fears of his Lebanese allies by stating on a visit to the area that the future safety of the SLA would be a precondition of any peace settlement with Lebanon.

Quite how bad morale is in Israel's proxy army was exposed in November, when Hezbollah guerrillas overran the SLA position of Tallousah, capturing all 12 militiamen. It subsequently emerged that the SLA defenders wanted to defect and had helped to orchestrate the operation.

The area is rife with rumours that the ailing SLA commander, General Antoine Lahd, a former Lebanese army officer, has made plans to escape if Israel withdraws. He apparently would seek asylum in France, where he has installed his wife and children.

The militia's future is looking so shaky that the SLA is having real problems recruiting volunteers. This week it sealed off the Christian village of Rmaich and press-ganged into service 50 males between the ages of 16 and 35 who had refused to be conscripted.

"Many of the young men are escaping their villages rather than joining Lahd," said Jamil Fares, 20, who is living with other young men as a refugee in Tyre, rather than live in the security zone serving in the SLA.

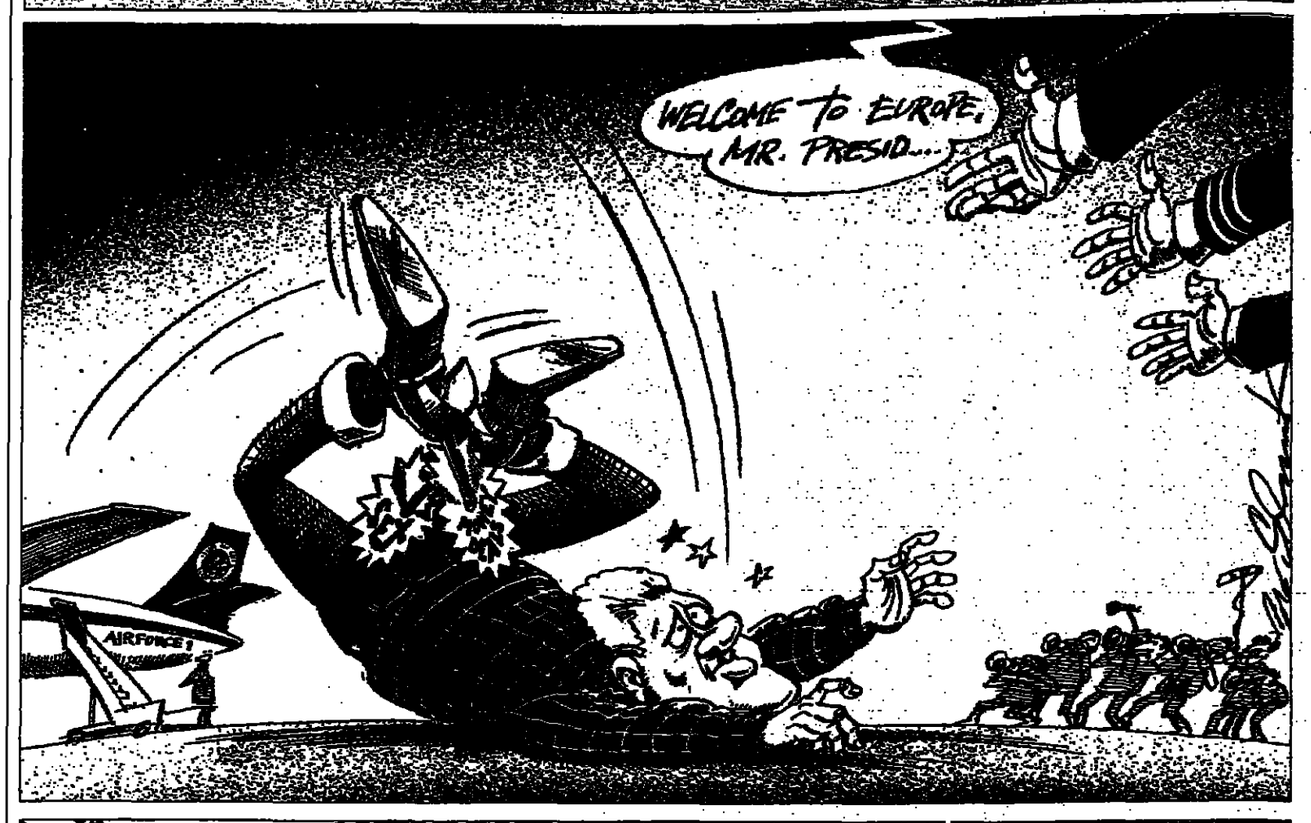
Like many of the 200,000 residents of the zone, he insisted that the young conscripts serving the SLA would have nothing to fear from their fellow Lebanese, once Israel withdrew. But he gave a warning that there were many scores to be settled with the hundreds of commanders, intelligence officers and senior officials who have collaborated with the Israelis.

"We know that many of the young men had no choice and that they are serving against their will," he said. "But for the others, who have jailed, tortured and killed their own people, no one will tolerate them living among us again."

Siege deaths

Jerusalem: Four suspected members of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, died near Hebron in the West Bank after a nine-hour siege by Israeli security forces, who surrounded them in a house after they shot and injured an Israeli soldier. In the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian, also a Hamas member, stabbed and wounded an Israeli, took his pistol, and shot another Israeli dead. The attacker was shot dead by Israelis at the scene.

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Clockwise above: Bill Clinton's troubles seen by Schrank in Dublin's *Sunday Business Post*; Zhirinovsky, the new Russian menace, a detail from a Hagen cartoon in Oslo's *Verdens Gang*; a comment on reaction to Bosnia by Raeside in British Columbia's *Times-Colonist*. Below left, Pel on the Moscow summit in Oslo's *Dagens Naeringsliv*; right, the Nato umbrella's limits by Kal in the *International Herald Tribune*.

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Spring holds Italian hopes for second Renaissance

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

■ If the election goes well, the "sweet revolution", a buoyant economy and strong European spirit could yield the most influential Italy since the 19th-century Risorgimento

ITALY'S spring general election, which President Scalfaro is poised to call tomorrow, promises a second Renaissance for the country and for dynamic Italian competition with Germany in Europe as the millennium ends.

Signor Scalfaro had consultations yesterday before dissolving parliament after Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the Prime Minister, offered to resign on Thursday. Signor Ciampi is expected to remain at the Palazzo Chigi, either as head of a government with full powers or in a caretaker capacity, until the election.

The eight months of his transition government brought a new electoral law introducing a mainly first-past-the-post system that provides the basis for a "second republic". He also began an ambitious privatisation *programme* intended to rid Italy of its corporatist heritage from Fascism, built on by successive governments in the Cold War, of assuring political survival by promising state jobs and handouts to voters.

The start of the "Clean Hands" corruption scandal nearly two years ago swept away the political class revolving around the Christian Democrat Party that ruled postwar Italy until Signor Ciampi took office. In the latest development, police yesterday arrested Mauro Giallombardo, a former personal assistant to Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist Prime Minister. Italian magistrates believe that he was a key collector of illegal party funds, allegedly for Signor Craxi. He is also wanted by Belgian magistrates investigating allegations of bribery in a helicopter deal involving the Italian Agusta company.

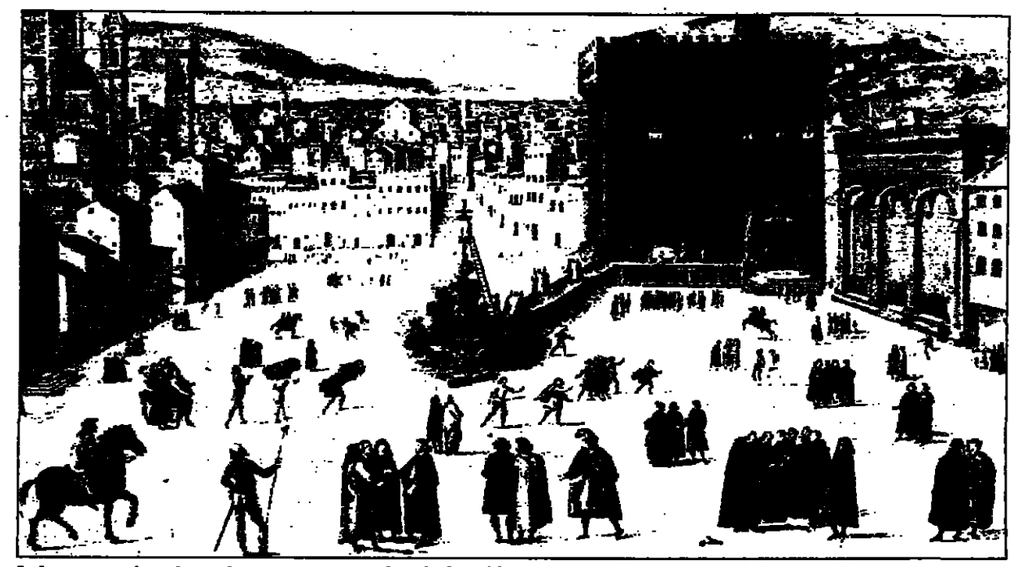


Riina: Cosa Nostra is in disarray since he was arrested last year

Commentators believe that, if the election passes off smoothly, the country's *dolce rivoluzione* (sweet revolution), its buoyant economy and the strong European spirit of most Italians could in the medium term produce the strongest Italy since the Risorgimento. In the view of many at the Foreign Office in London, Italy would then become a more important ally for Britain than ever. Vojtech Mastny, professor of international relations at Johns Hopkins University in Bologna, said that, considering the depth of the political crisis, "the Italian people have proved remarkably mature, committed and involved in the issues. The economy is basically in good shape, if it can be liberated from the burdens imposed by the public sector."

Pundits also now dismiss past fears that Italy might disintegrate under pressure from Umberto Bossi, the secessionist Lombardy League leader. "The League has made its point, most importantly about the importance of municipal and regional politics rather than national politics," Professor Mastny said. "The League has sent its message ... beyond that, it has little positive or attractive to say ... the League has passed its peak."

The ten weeks before the election, expected in late March, are uncharted waters for Italy. A big Mafia or terrorist attack could disrupt the democratic process. But Cosa Nostra is in disarray after the arrest last January of Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the alleged boss of bosses. Italian democracy has rolled with punches such as the assassination in 1992 of Judge Giovanni Falcone in Palermo and the "cultural terrorism" against the Uffizi gallery in Florence last year.



Italy yearns to be a dynamic power, a status enjoyed when this anonymous 16th century work depicting Florence was painted

Observers agree that the battle to create the strong nation-state envisaged in the Risorgimento will not be over after the polls. Much needs to be done and, politically, the future is still deeply uncertain. The state needs to restore the authority it has lost through scandal. New politicians of vision are thin on the ground and the programme of the Democratic Party of the Left, formerly the Communist Party, which, with its allies, is expected to win the election remains unclear. But, as a senior Rome diplomat said: "If the Italians succeed, the country is set to rival Germany as an industrial and political power."

In the view of *Corriere della Sera*, "the future can be called revolution, reform and renewal. Courage, decisiveness and prudence are needed and, above all that, love of liberty and justice that makes up contemporary democratic patriotism."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Abortion 'forced on Bobbitt'

New York: Lorena Bobbitt, 24, charged with maliciously wounding her husband by cutting off his penis in June, yesterday testified that he had forced her to have an abortion and mocked her as she prepared to undergo the operation (Ben Macintyre writes).

Mrs Bobbitt said Mr Bobbitt, 26, had threatened to leave her if she had the child. She claims she attacked him in a fit of temporary insanity.

Immunity talks

Brussels: A financial scandal came closer to breaking the coalition government as the lifting of parliamentary immunity to allow investigation of ministers involved in allegations of fraud and bribery was being debated.

Tibetans freed

Hong Kong: Peking has released Gandun Rinchen and Lobsang Yonten, leading Tibetan dissidents, from prison, where it had been feared they would be executed.

Mental survey

Washington: Almost half of all Americans experience mental disorders at least once and nearly one-third are affected in any one year, according to a survey of 8,000 people.

Break with past

St Petersburg: A man serving a 15-year term for murder escaped from the city's oldest prison, the first jail break in its 115-year history, by posing as a cell mate due for release. *(AP)*

Nato denies report of air strike in Bosnia

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A REPORT last night that warplanes had carried out bombing raids in central Bosnia-Herzegovina caused confusion. The United Nations said that, in defiance of the UN-imposed "no-fly" zone, jets had fired rockets at a Muslim-held arms factory and evaded patrolling Nato planes. The alliance later denied that such an attack had happened.

Colonel Bill Aikman, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo, said that helicopters and jets had flown over Vitez, where British troops are based, and also in the Novi Travnik area. He said: "It seems that the helicopters were directing fighters into the attack." Although the UN refused to identify the planes, it is likely that, if there were any, they were Croatian.

Captain Jim Mitchell, Nato's spokesman for southern Europe, denied the UN report. He said: "We detected and tracked what we believe to have been a helicopter in central Bosnia around the same time. We sent two aircraft to check it out. There was intermittent contact which was then lost."

Nato sources indicated that the UN had erroneously given out unsubstantiated information that was based on Bosnian Muslim reports. The alleged incident comes as Nato is threatening to launch military action against the Serbs.

Nato planes, assisted by sophisticated Awacs surveillance aircraft, keep up 24-hour patrols over Bosnia.

Finland's top job in woman's reach

FROM OLLI KIVINEN IN HELSINKI

FINLAND'S presidential election has been thrown wide open during furious last-minute campaigning which has listed the Defence Minister, Elisabeth Rehn, among the four top contenders in tomorrow's first round of voting.

The Social Democratic candidate, Martti Ahtisaari, has maintained his lead in the opinion polls but his popularity has shrunk from nearly 50 per cent to just over 26 per cent. Behind him comes the Centre Party candidate, Paavo Vayrynen with 19 per cent, while Mrs Rehn and Raimo Ilaskivi, of the Conservatives, polled 18 per cent each in the latest poll commissioned by Finnish television news. There are seven other candidates, but they have no chance of reaching the second round which will be fought between the two top candidates on February 6 if no candidate receives more than 50 per cent in the first round, all but impossible in multi-party Finland.



Rehn: proved popular in the defence post

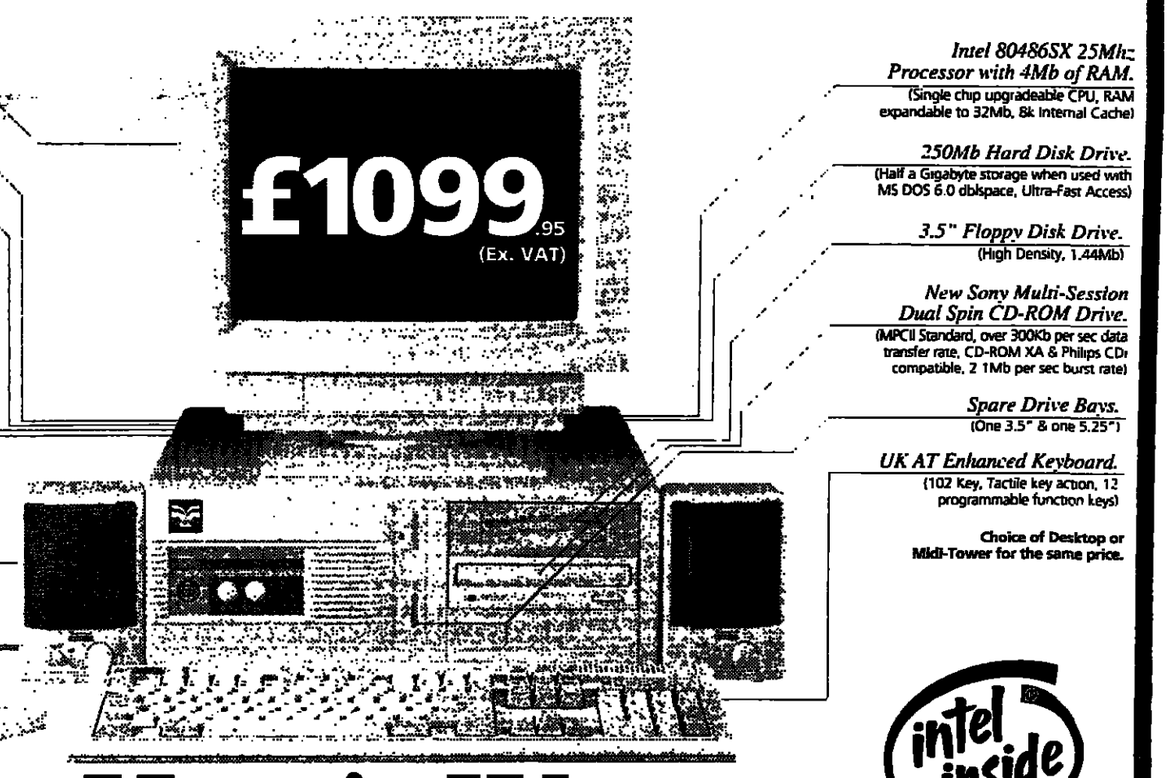
Mr Ahtisaari is nearly certain to proceed to the second round. Mrs Rehn's momentum has built up rapidly and her chances have been enhanced by the polls about voter behaviour in the second round. They show that Mr Ahtisaari would easily defeat Mr Vayrynen or Mr Ilaskivi, but an Ahtisaari-Rehn fight would be very tight. The last poll gives both 50 per cent in the second round.

Mrs Rehn, who represents the right-of-centre People's Party, has risen like a rocket. Last month the polls gave her only 10 per cent and she has almost doubled her share of voters in a few weeks. Her party usually gets about 6 per cent of the vote. She has been a popular and effective Defence Minister and has won much support with frank opinions and grandmotherly charm.

Finland has more female MPs than most countries, but this is the first time a woman has a real chance of winning the presidency.

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American leader tilts at nationalist extremism in address to the Russian people

Clinton goes on TV in sales pitch for Yeltsin reforms

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ President Clinton brought to Russia some home-spun American philosophy. What his host really wanted was the offer of trade to underpin his reforms

PRESIDENT Clinton last night capped his two-day Moscow summit with President Yeltsin with an unprecedented live performance on Russian television in which he implored the Russian people not to turn their backs on their President's radical reform programme.

Mr Clinton, linked by satellite to audiences in Red Square and four Russian cities, said he understood the pain of economic restructuring after 70 years of communism, but urged Russia to "consider the price of standing still or trying to go back. A rigid state-run economy simply does not work in the modern world".

White House officials said they appreciated the risk of trying an American-style "town hall meeting" on a Russian audience that expects their leaders to be formal and remote.

Much of his performance amounted to a public repudiation of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, although he did not mention him by name. He said each individual had a responsibility to denounce intolerance, ethnic hatred, anti-Semitism, and territorial expansionism.

Responding to Mr Zhirinovsky's nostalgic appeals to restore Russia's stature, Mr Clinton said the Soviet empire had been great but not good. "The test of your greatness in the future will be whether Russia, the big neighbour, can be a good neighbour." Mr Clinton said Mr Yeltsin, like himself, made mistakes, but "he at least gets up every day and tries to make a difference. He's trying to do something".

Earlier in the day, Mr Clinton and Mr Yeltsin joined President Kravchuk of Ukraine in the Kremlin's opulent St Catherine's Hall to sign an agreement dismantling that country's nuclear arsenal — the world's third largest — in return for new security guarantees and at least $1 billion in compensation. Provided the agreement is not rejected by nationalists in the Kiev parliament, US officials said the process would start with the removal of 460 warheads from Ukraine's 46 SS24 intercontinental missiles, the most dangerous in its arsenal, within ten months.

Mr Clinton and Mr Yeltsin also announced that their own nuclear arsenals would cease to be aimed at each other's territory or at any third countries by May 30. "For the first time in nearly half a century, virtually since the dawn of the nuclear age, the US and Russia will not operate nuclear forces day-to-day in a manner that assumes they are adversaries," the summit statement said.

Mr Yeltsin proclaimed the "irreversibility" of his economic reform programme, despite last month's electoral setbacks, but promised more alleviation of the painful social consequences. He announced Russia's intention to "participate actively" in *Partnership for Peace*, the Nato plan offering increasingly close military ties to former Warsaw Pact states.

In a joint post-summit press conference, Mr Yeltsin praised PFP because it did not divide those states into "the black and the white", and called it a "very important step towards building a security system from Vancouver to Vladivostok that excludes the emergence of new demarcation lines".

Both Mr Clinton and Mr Yeltsin predicted that Russia's new hardline parliamentarians would moderate their positions when confronted by real problems affecting real people, and Mr Clinton begged the new deputies to be tolerant and responsible. But in a move likely to consolidate the Duma's adversarial image, Ivan Rybkin, a Communist, was yesterday elected its Speaker in a secret poll.

Both Presidents showed acute awareness of the nationalists' threat. Mr Clinton said the idea that America had "somehow tried to direct the course of Russian policy is just not accurate and just not true. The people of Russia have to define their own future".

Mr Yeltsin said Russia did not want American humanitarian assistance to help cushion the pains of reform, just greater access to its markets. He called for the elimination of all America's remaining Cold War trade restrictions, and criticised the G7 group of industrialised nations for its slowness in delivering the $28 billion package of macro-economic assistance it promised last July.

□ **London:** East European countries are rushing to be the first to join *Partnership for Peace*, but some Nato members seemed reluctant to come up with the money to pay for the scheme, an American official said yesterday.

Although the cost of PFP to Nato for the first year would only be $4 million to $10 million, governments would be expected to pay extra for organising their military exercises with Central and East European nations.

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Moscow: Vladimir Zhirinovsky, above, was struck in the face during a clash in the parliamentary canteen over service. A row broke out when Mark Goryachev, who had been waiting some time, became incensed by waiters running to serve the ultra-nationalist as he entered the room. *(Reuter)*



Hillary Clinton listens to a guide and interpreter as the wife of President Yeltsin, Naina, looks on during a visit to the Assumption Cathedral, the largest of the Kremlin churches, yesterday

Contrast of style as First Ladies tread Moscow stage together

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

Hillary Clinton joined her husband for the last day of his Moscow summit yesterday and saw the Russian version of health-care reform on a visit to a Moscow hospital seeking to improve treatment standards by operating its own medical insurance scheme.

The American First Lady was greeted at the airport by Valentina, wife of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister. She was then whisked off to the Spaso-Perovsky Hospital of Peace and Mercy, renamed after 40 years from "Hospital number 70".

"Our hospital is not for the elite but for the rank and file citizens," Aleksandr Goldberg, the chief physician, said. "We have many things to show the Americans because the hospital has good clinincal results." But he admitted that it suffered from a shortage of modern equipment and trained staff. Mrs Clinton displayed particular interest in the maternity unit, only to be told in that most disheartening of Russian phrases that it was "closed for repairs" and would only reopen in the summer when a joint Russian-American renovation venture is completed.

She then joined President Yeltsin's wife, Naina, for lunch in the Kremlin and a sightseeing tour, conducted at a rapid pace amid falling snow. With the chemistry between the men bubbling away nicely, the onus was on Mrs Yeltsin to hit it off with her forthright guest whom she had met only briefly before at the G7 summit in Tokyo. Happily they have at least one interest in common: Mrs Yeltsin has thrown her energies into health-care distribution.

It is hard to imagine two more different first ladies than Mrs Yeltsin and Mrs Clinton. Mrs Yeltsin avoids the limelight and says that she shudders at the "First Lady" tag. "I am just the President's wife," she told *The Washington Post* last week.

President Clinton was finally reunited with his wife at the Ostankino television studios, scene of bitter fighting during last October's uprising. He spoke with his wife at his side — a political style which even Raisa Gorbachev did not manage to endear to Russians, who prefer Mrs Yeltsin's more modest approach to the job.

Thirteen-year-old Chelsea Clinton accompanied her mother to Moscow and the Clintons were invited to spend the night in the Kremlin, the first such invitation since Richard Nixon visited Leonid Brezhnev in 1972.

Mr Yeltsin is proving a far more informal host than Brezhnev however, tempering tough rhetoric with spontaneous gestures of personal amity towards his guests.

Whim of collector waxes and wanes

FROM JAMES LANDALE IN BRUSSELS

PRESIDENT Clinton spotted the wax head in an antique shop during a nocturnal wander through the streets of Brussels last Monday and immediately brought his entourage to a halt.

It was 10.30pm and the shop, La Trottinette, near the Grand' Place, was, quite naturally, closed. Nevertheless, Mr Clinton, in Brussels for the Nato summit, stayed long enough for its owners to recognise that their visitor was a little out of the ordinary. For a start he was accompanied by a phalanx of 30 photographers and numerous security men, all jostling for position.

"We thought there was a fight, so I came downstairs," said Tegan Pick, 22, who was watching television with a friend upstairs. "But it was only Mr Clinton looking through the window.

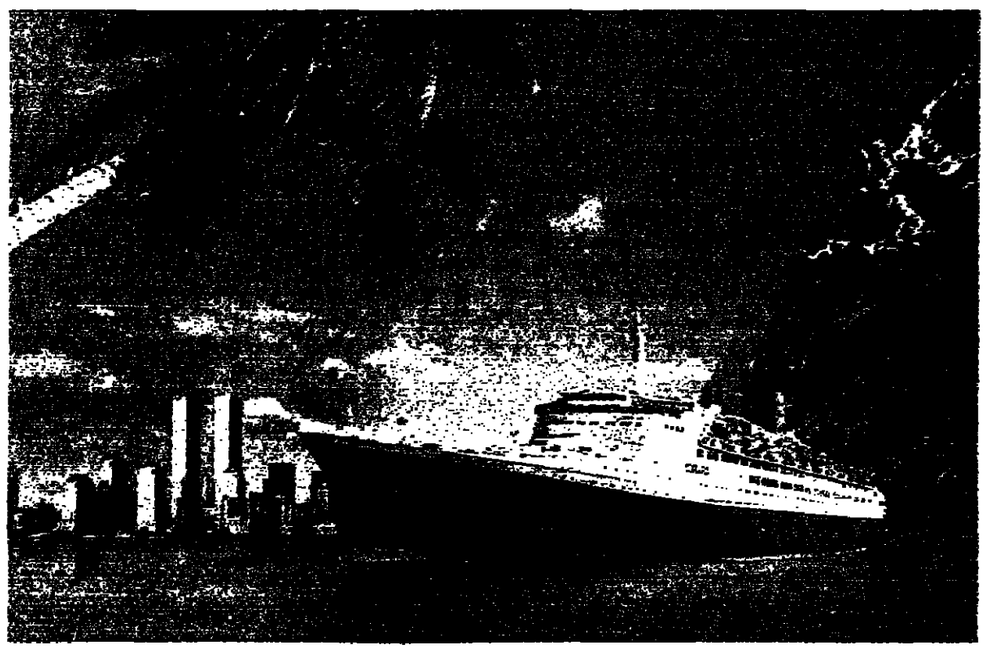
"I opened the door and he shook my hand and said hello," she said. "He told me that the shop was magical and that he had come here four years ago and had loved it."

The wax head which so fascinated Mr Clinton has glass eyes, human hair and ivory teeth. It was one of several such heads, originally used to model hats for magazine photographs. Anthony Lake, Mr Clinton's National Security Adviser, who had joined him on the impromptu walkabout, enquired discreetly about the price. "I told him 35,000 Belgian francs (£700) and he just said 'Hmm' and that was that," said Miss Pick. "I think he thought it was too much."

Instead the President bought a bright blue toy space car from the 1960s. Miss Pick, keen not to miss another sale, quickly knocked £14 off the price so that her visitor paid a mere £20. As is so often the case with the truly powerful, Mr Clinton appeared not to have any cash about him and an eager aide was perforce required to complete the sale.

Evidently overcome by Arkansas charm, Miss Pick, whose mother owns the shop, then offered Mr Clinton a £15 brooch, pinning it to the presidential coat before it could be refused. In gratitude, the President signed the shop's diary: "Bill Clinton: thanks for opening up", and left for his hotel and the next round of briefings.

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Kravchuk faces Kiev battle over nuclear arsenal

BY ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

POLITICIANS in Kiev reacted furiously yesterday to the agreement in Moscow for the removal of Ukraine's nuclear weapons, leaving President Kravchuk the task of persuading his recalcitrant parliament to approve the deal to give up his country's 1,800 former Soviet warheads.

Vyacheslav Chornovil, the opposition nationalist leader, described Mr Kravchuk's signature on the agreement as treason and accused Russia and America of joining forces to bring Ukraine to its knees. Other politicians called for President Kravchuk's impeachment. The Foreign Office yesterday welcomed the agreement, and said it would regard any delay in implementation with deep concern.

If the deal does go through, the doomsday scenario of two neighbouring, mutually hostile nuclear superpowers in Europe will be removed.

Mr Kravchuk said yesterday: "I think that after examining these documents, and realising Ukraine's interest, parliament will support the agreement." He said that his country had not been bullied by the Russian and American Presidents. Western diplomats in Kiev yesterday said they believed that, after ritual opposition, parliament would accept the agreement rather than deliver a snub to President Clinton and risk completely alienating the US Administration.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Ukraine vowed to become a non-nuclear state, but the West began to have serious doubts about Kiev's intentions and America began negotiations.

While Kiev prevaricated, increasing alarm in the West over nuclear weapons proliferation. Belorussia and Kazakhstan agreed to give up their former Soviet nuclear weapons. There was confusion in the West over what Ukraine thought it could do with its missiles if the talks with the Americans failed.

For Washington, the nuclear issue in Ukraine presented the most urgent proliferation challenge. For if Ukraine conceded, the US could then concentrate its efforts on putative nuclear states such as North Korea and Iran. Washington began its diplomatic offensive, offering as much incentive to Ukraine as possible to give up its arsenal without surrendering to the original demands.



Kiev wanted nearly $3 billion (£2 billion) for dismantling the weapons and an equal share of the $10 billion offered by America over 20 years for 500 tonnes of highly enriched uranium from all four nuclear republics.

Ukraine also wanted the return of reprocessed fissile material for use in its nuclear power stations, and security guarantees.

Mr Kravchuk took the diplomatic brinkmanship as far as he dared. As well as a promise from Washington of $1 billion over 20 years for the highly enriched uranium, diplomats say that America has also pledged $300 million to help pay for dismantling the weapons.

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ANC unveils budget to right economic wrongs of apartheid

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

■ Radical reforms to provide jobs and basic facilities for millions of blacks are planned by the ANC. The money, it hopes, can come from more efficient use of resources

THE African National Congress yesterday produced a plan for the future of South Africa in which huge resources will be switched to correcting the wrongs of apartheid. Government spending on houses, health, education, welfare, electrification and water will be concentrated on the poverty-stricken victims of apartheid.

The plan promises that jobs will be allocated with quotas of people previously discriminated against; food will be zero-rated for VAT; more than one million houses will be built; clean water and sanitation will be provided to all; 2.5 million new homes will have electricity; and everybody will be able to have affordable health care and telecommunications.

A programme of public works is to be implemented to create jobs and provide water supplies, sanitation and clinics. A land claims court will be set up to give back land taken from blacks since 1913. A redistribution programme will give property rights to squatters, acquiring land from present owners, including expropriating land and paying compensation "where necessary".

Nationalisation is not ruled out and is implied in the plan's statement: "We must seek the return of mineral rights to the democratic government, which should in turn give the people control over optimum exploitation of this important natural resource." Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, said yesterday, however, that his organisationt had moved significantly away from the nationalisation proposals in the 1955 Freedom Charter, for decades the ANC's principal policy document. "We have guaranteed investors against confiscation of their property and have guaranteed their right to repatriate their profits and dividends," Mr Mandela said at an ANC Youth League conference in Soweto.

The reform programme will be paid for, according to Trevor Manuel, the head of the ANC's economics department, by using current resources more efficiently and resetting priorities. "Housing is just 15 per cent of the defence budget," he pointed out. Mr Manuel said that taxation will be made more progressive, even if the total tax take is not increased. Borrowing will remain at the present 6 per cent of gross domestic product, but a new reconstruction bond will be launched to which private industry will be expected to contribute.

Some coercion may be needed to force pension and insurance funds to take risks in investment. The plan promises: "If excessive risk aversion in the major financial institutions prevents them from taking up socially desirable investments, the democratic government should consider some form of legislative compulsion."

Jay Naidoo, former general secretary of the Confederation of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), said that less than 5 per cent of lending in South Africa was made to blacks. "We will take steps to ensure there is greater availability of loans to the black community," he said.

Mr Naidoo made it clear that the ANC knows that it must not kill the goose that could lay the golden eggs: "We have to create an environment," he said, "in which business confidence is increased and in which international investor confidence is increased." He promised that government spending would be allocated to create a government-led economic recovery, "because we would be extremely naive to believe a private sector that had not invested in the productive sector of our economy for the last ten years is suddenly going to have the political will under an ANC government to do that."

The ANC's reconstruction and development programme will be put before a policy conference next week for approval, then costed in detail, and will form the basis for the movement's manifesto at the general election in April.

East London: The Ciskei Supreme Court has declared illegal a ban imposed by Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, the homeland's leader, on the prosecution of soldiers who killed 28 people in 1992 when they fired on thousands of anti-Gqozo ANC supporters marching to Bisho, the capital. *(Reuter)*

Rival's guard held for attack on ice star



Shawn Eckardt, centre, the bodyguard of Tonya Harding, left, the new United States figure-skating champion, going to jail in Portland, Oregon, after being charged with plotting last week's attack on Nancy Kerrigan, right, her arch-rival and Olympic gold-medal hopeful. The arrest followed his reported confession that he helped Jeff Gillooly, Ms Harding's former husband, to hire a hitman for $100,000 (£67,000) to disable Ms Kerrigan, the sweetheart of US ice skating, who was hit on the knee with a metal truncheon as she practised for last weekend's US championship. Ms Kerrigan was forced to withdraw from the Olympic qualifying event, which Ms Harding went on to win. Mr Eckardt, 26, who weighs 25 stone, was charged with conspiracy to commit assault, for which the penalty is up to ten years in jail and a $100,000 fine. A second man, Derrick Smith, 29, suspected of driving the getaway car, was arrested on the same charge on Thursday night. At least two more arrests are expected. At Ms Kerrigan's home in Massachusetts yesterday, her brother, Mark, described her reaction to the arrests as one of disgust. Jerry Solomon, her coach, said he expected her to be fit for the Winter Olympics.

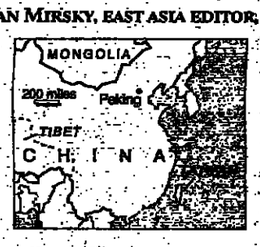
Angry Taipei may snub talks

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

THE Nationalist government in Taiwan, furious that China has persuaded France to stop selling it weapons, has threatened to pull out of negotiations in Peking on January 31.

Although Paris has promised to honour its agreement to sell Taiwan 60 Mirage 2000-5 jet fighters, and said it might continue to sell defensive technology to Taiwan, the island has again been made to feel its isolation.

Kao Koong-lian, a Taiwanese cabinet official, said: "Recent moves by Communist China to isolate us diplomatically and suppress us in military affairs have only given rise to disgust among the Taiwanese people."



The threatened Peking meeting between mainland and Taiwan officials is one in a series intended to solve such problems as hijacking, smuggling and the fate of more than 2,000 illegal mainland immigrants to Taiwan. Peking especially wants Taipei to hand back the hijackers it has tried and convicted.

France's capitulation to China has paved the way for the visit to Peking of Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister. French firms insist the Mirage deal, worth $2.6 billion (£1.79 billion), has cost them up to six billion francs (£675 million) in lost business because of Peking's boycott of French companies.

☐ **Labour support:** Jack Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, said in Hong Kong yesterday that he would tell Chinese leaders during his weekend visit to Peking that Labour supported the "modest" plan for constitutional reform in the colony put forward by Chris Patten, the Governor.

Leakey offers to go after attack by Kenya 'mafia'

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

RICHARD Leakey, the conservationist credited with winning Kenya's war against poachers and saving its game parks from collapse, yesterday offered his resignation as director of the Kenya Wildlife Service after vilification from a group of politicians known as the "Rift Valley mafia".

The resignation offer, sent to President Moi, came after a sustained campaign for his dismissal led by William Ole Ntimama, the Local Government Minister, and 25 local councils, who accused Dr Leakey of being a racist and favouring white people in conservation matters.

Fears that Dr Leakey was under pressure prompted the World Bank, a large donor to Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) projects, to say that it had confidence in his management of the organisation, which Dr Leakey's opponents alleged was rife with corruption.

The attacks on Dr Leakey came shortly after Kenya's seven biggest donors released $40 million (£27 million) a month in balance-of-payments support at the end of last year, after a two-year freeze to pressure the government reform a corruption-riddled economy. But there have been few signs that the government is grateful.



Leakey: denounced enquiry as smear

Dr Leakey, 49, who recently lost his legs in an air crash, yesterday described the announcement of an investigation by the Tourism Ministry into the service as a smear. He said the "stress and pain of being vilified by senior politicians and others is more than I think is good for my health".

Since he took over the service in 1989, Dr Leakey's tough stand against poachers, which included a "shoot to kill" policy sanctioned by Mr Moi, and his management skills, have resulted in the end of poaching as a threat to endangered rhinoceros and elephant. Iain Douglas-Hamilton, one of the world's leading experts on elephant poaching, said Dr Leakey's resignation offer was "by far the most serious wildlife crisis since the wholesale slaughter of elephants and rhino five years ago."

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First Lady heads for health sales trip

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY Clinton, clearly hoping for a return to politics-as-usual, will try next week to switch attention away from the Whitewater financial scandal allegations to health care reform, and embark on a national trip to lobby key congressmen from both parties.

White House efforts to keep Whitewater out of the news have backfired badly, with new accusations painting a disturbing picture of the Arkansas financial scandal, now subject to a series of criminal and civil investigations.

President and Mrs Clinton have denied any wrongdoing, but recently attention has focused on the First Lady and on Vincent Foster, the former White House deputy counsel, who had been a colleague of hers in the Rose law firm in Little Rock, Arkansas. His suicide last July is increasingly being linked to the scandal, about to be independently investigated by a special counsel.

Critics have appeared unsure of how to attack Mrs Clinton. Republicans remember how their attacks on her during the election campaign misfired. The task is not made any easier by the First Lady's continued high approval ratings in public opinion polls.

While Mr Clinton's detractors hope that the Whitewater affair may slow down his political programme, White House officials are trying to bring health care reform back into the political spotlight at a time when support for the plan appears to be faltering.

Mrs Clinton is the Administration's most effective campaigner for health care reform, and her trip next week is considered to be a crucial stage in the White House's efforts to push the proposals through what appears to be a reluctant Congress.

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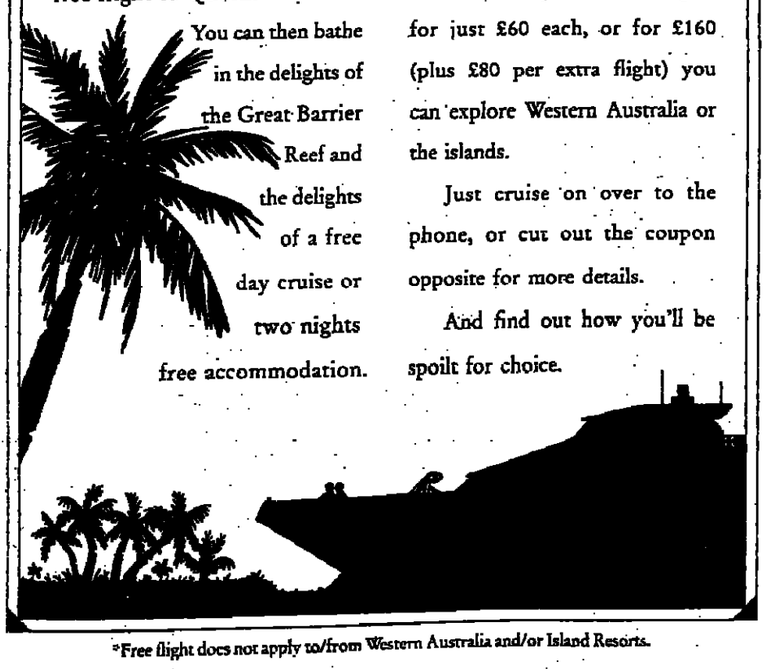
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Religious fervour fuels Mexico feud

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN SAN JUAN CHAMULA

WHEN the Indians here go to church they take with them bottles of Coca-Cola and a throat-searing local liquor called Posh.

Anyone who dares challenge this tradition is automatically expelled from the town, which is a popular tourist attraction in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. But there are no tourists now, after the Indian peasant uprising two weeks ago which claimed more than 100 lives and placed the state on a war footing. A ceasefire has been declared and 15,000 troops patrol the hills looking for guerrillas of the Zapatista National Liberation Army.

Radical Catholic priests have defended the guerrillas, blaming the government for years of repression and injustice against the Indians. But in San Juan Chamula, a town of 50,000 inhabitants, the local Tzotzil Indians are at war with each other, and it is the evangelical Protestant ministers who are caught up in the conflict. Late last year more than 500 "born again" Mayans were thrown out of the town by local officials for "betraying" their cultural traditions. They have joined 25,000 expelled Indians living in shanty towns on the outskirts of San Cristóbal.

"What kind of a culture is it that encourages everyone to get drunk and worship soft drinks," asked Domingo López Angel, a Tzotzil preacher from Chamula who left the town in 1974 and is now leading a political campaign to allow expelled residents to return. Señor López has got the government worried. He was jailed twice last year for his political activities. When government officials arrived in San Cristóbal after the peasants struck on New Year's Day, they were quick to attend to the demands of Señor López.

As a result of a land dispute, electricity had been cut for two months to the evangelical shanty towns. Some of Señor López's flock were reported to have joined the Zapatista army. Fearing others might follow suit, the government switched the electricity back on within 24 hours.

Chamula is tightly controlled by a ruthless clique of caciques, a small-town mafia of local officials, alcohol and soft-drink vendors and greedy landowners. In return for guaranteeing that the townsfolk vote for Mexico's ruling party, the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) of President Salinas, the government has allowed the caciques to do as they please.

Many "born again" Mayans are the children of impoverished families who were abused by alcoholic parents who squandered what little money theyr earned on Posh, a gut-rotting home brew fermented from sugar cane. The caciques control all sales of alcohol, Coca-Cola, Pepsi and Fanta, as well as religious candles used in abundance in local ceremonies.

Just in case Señor López and his fast-growing following were to turn violent again — or worse still, if they were to join the Zapatista army in larger numbers — government troops guard the entrance to the town with tanks and machinegun nests.

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Ben Macintyre asks why all America has become obsessed with an unsavoury court case that has divided the sexes

A twisted knife in the bedroom

Whether or not Lorena Bobbitt was, as she claims, temporarily insane when she emasculated her husband with a kitchen knife last June, that is certainly the state she has induced in much of America.

For months the grisly act of home-surgery has been discussed with manic intensity. It has inspired songs, talk shows, earnest debate and jokes — so many jokes — by everyone from the President to cab drivers to Mr Bobbitt himself.

Feminists, sociologists and psychologists have written tracts about the episode; the doctors who performed the miracle operation to render Mr Bobbitt whole have become media celebrities, describing time after time, just how they did it. Two televison channels have broadcast the entire proceedings live, and the entire country has undergone a willing suspension of good taste.

This story long ago transcended its facts, which are rather mundane, if horrible: a disintegrating marriage, allegations of physical, emotional and sexual cruelty ending with a definitive act of violence, or retribution, or madness. Police blotters are full of such tales. This is something else: the stuff of myth.

But the Bobbitts are exceptional in becoming myths despite being remarkably boring individuals. A brawny, inarticulate former Marine, John Bobbitt is what Americans call a galoot, a regular, boozy moron. Mrs Bobbitt, while she may be depicted on T-shirts as a knife-wielding harridan of fiery Latin temper, is a timid, plaintive person who stole money from a friend and clearly feels very sorry for herself. Neither is dramatically evil. They are just averagely unpleasant.

But it is the commonplace nature of their lives and marital problems that gives such stark symbolic significance to Mrs Bobbitt's single interesting act. There are other factors which make them ripe for fable. One is racial: had the Bobbitts been black, you would not be reading this article, because the incident would never have been reported in America, being dismissed by a prejudiced media as typical. Similarly, had Mr Bobbitt been permanently eunuched, the tale would have been too gruesome for popular consumption.

Because they are white, middle-class and unexceptional, and because Mr Bobbitt recovered and his fate is therefore amusing rather than merely tragic, the Bobbitts are Everycouple and their experience is one which all Americans can relate to, or at least snigger about.

Like all the best myths, the Bobbitts are open to widely different interpretations. To her supporters, mostly women, Mrs Bobbitt has become a symbol of oppression within the home, a victim who snapped after four years of spousal abuse. She has a deeper resonance too, in this nation of immigrants, as a Latin American woman who, by her own account, thought she had found the American dream husband, only to be disappointed.

Mr Bobbitt's supporters, mostly men, tend to have a more visceral approach: castration, they insist, is not a valid form of protest, ever. Mr Bobbitt has become an unlikely hero to many.

As any lawyer here will attest, the gulf of misunderstanding between American men and women is vast, and growing. Political correctness is helping to seal the divide in one part of society, with teachers, employers and politicians terrified that friendly human contact may be misinterpreted. In the workplace, the sexes are required to behave with a restraint that is almost Victorian. Meanwhile the sexual harassment and discrimination suits pile up.

The aggression this breeds is seeping into into popular culture. Many rap-music lyrics denigrate women, not even as individuals, but as a gender. Women are starting to do the same. Juliana Hatfield's latest hit offers the simple philosophy: "Touch Her Again and You're Dead". The film *Thelma and Louise* depicted two women who fought back at men by killing and destroying and finally throwing themselves off the Grand Canyon. *Falling Down* portrayed a man who becomes so enraged with his ex-wife that he gets a bazooka, wreaks havoc, and then gets shot off the end of a Los Angeles pier. These are role models.

Men and woman have never understood each other, thank God, but increasingly in America they don't even seem to like each other much. There is new and violent edge to the old dissension.

While pundits claim the Bobbitt case is a useful opportunity to address relations between the sexes, the wider social implications of the case are anything but helpful.

Instead, the episode has compounded antagonism by reinforcing some ugly stereotypes: men as rapists, abusers and woman-haters; women as vicious, emasculating man-haters.

If Anita Hill and Clarence Thomas drew the battle lines in the gender war, the Bobbitts have furnished the conflict with a pair of lurid, one-dimensional ogres. Years from now, Lorena Bobbitt will be cited as the classic example of the battered wife and John Bobbitt as the battered husband, regardless of the outcome of the trial.

Yet there is one aspect of the case which seems to be treated with equal enthusiasm by both men and women, and that is all the off-colour wit at Mr Bobbitt's unusual injury. Most women may be laughing at him, while most men, I suspect, are laughing with him, but at least they are all still laughing.

John Bobbitt's ultimate sacrifice may not have been entirely in vain.

A.L. Rowse salutes Hugh Trevor-Roper at 80: a controversialist in the tradition of Edward Gibbon

Our historical essayist par excellence

I hope it is not inappropriate for a rusticated nonagenarian to pay tribute today to his junior, Hugh Trevor-Roper, now Lord Dacre of Glanton, on his 80th birthday. I enjoy everything he writes, and he is the best stylist among historians today.

Further, we agree about so much. We prefer the civilised *humanism of the Renaissance to* the religious squabbles of the Reformation, the spirit of Erasmus to the rugose genius of Luther. We roughly agree about Germany, Hitler and the Nazis. We probably are at one in regarding Gibbon, who died 200 years ago tomorrow, as our greatest historian, and certainly the most accomplished artist. That is what keeps Gibbon alive and kicking. *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* is the grandest literary monument of its age, comparable to St Paul's.

That masterpiece was also a *succès de scandale*, for it was regarded as an attack on Christianity. Gibbon enjoyed poking fun at the silly side of Christian beliefs, superstitions, oracles and miracles, cults of saints and martyrs, the credulity of "the vulgar".

But people have not noticed that he nowhere attacks the essence of Christianity. Embedded in his vast work is a telltale remark, when he invokes the moral principles that agree with the impulses of the heart. That should console people today who no longer believe in the dogmas, for it means that when the *adiaphora*, the trimmings, are gone, the essence of the teaching remains.



Lord Dacre of Glanton: classic stylist

The junior historian, Trevor-Roper, was much influenced by the naughty side of Gibbon. He prefaced his unsympathetic treatment of poor Archbishop Laud with the remark, "Laud's clerical biographers, since they approach him on their knees, are naturally unable to see very far." Naughty young man. When I gave my junior a too favourable review, G.N. Clark — a by no means rash fellow, in fact as cautious as a Cornishman — described it as a "dud book". This was too hard a judgment, but it had a point: it meant that the young author missed, or disconsidered, the central concern, the mainspring of Laud's life, his belief in and devotion to religion.

However, there are marked contrasts between Gibbon, who was the constructive genius of an immortal work in six volumes, and Trevor-Roper, whose works are mainly books of essays gathered together. We may properly salute him as our most riveting historical essayist, but the grandest historian in our time, G.M. Trevelyan, built up a dozen or 15 big constructive books.

A good point about our youthful historian of 80, which people do not notice, but which I appreciate, is that he is always *thinking* about history. He is not content with a narrative or descriptive history, as the great Gibbon or Trevelyan were; Trevor-Roper likes chewing over questions, discussing issues and regurgitating them.

This makes for lively journalism, but is liable to lead to rash judgments. Take the celebrated controversy about the rise of the gentry, which he initiated with an attack on R.H. Tawney's classic account of it. (The junior historian seems to like controversy: I do not.) Tawney was of course right. The acquisition of church lands meant a continuous reinforcement of the strength and wealth of the upper classes, who got them. Anyone with eyes to see can see it. I wasted no time on the controversy, for I recognised that, quite simply, the gentry rose.

Gibbon stands here in marked contrast, for he had a fine visual sense. All the time that he was in Rome he was, he says, "as in a dream". That is the right spirit. He was inspired by the monuments, the relics, the evidences of ancient Rome: that was what sparked off the imagination, which marks the difference between scholarship and genius.

For beneath Gibbon's classic prose, there is a vein of poetry. It comes to the surface in his famous account of how the idea for his great work came to him as the bells were ringing for vespers on the Capitoline Hill. And again in the touching account of writing the last lines, saying farewell to the companion of so many years, in the summer-house on the terrace at Lausanne, moonlight over the lake.

I am not sure that there is much poetry in our junior's crisp soul. Brightness, briskness illuminate the pages, but there are no shadows, no subtlety, not much perception of character, no pathos or insight into the soul or human suffering. Plenty of wit and cynical observations: no sense of the tragedy — or the poetry — of history.

Clever snap judgments appeal to the unwary, but lead to rashness. Take the issue of witchcraft. Our junior laid down, with a smart *ipse dixit*, that witchcraft was a feature of mountain country. I read that piece with fascination — until I reflected that the area most affected by persecution for witchcraft in England was Essex — as flat (almost) as a pancake. And the reason was a simple, personal one: the leading JP there, one Darcy, was a persecutor who was obsessed with the subject.

Trevor-Roper was surely right in his bestseller about Hitler's last days. Still, I had an important critical reservation. The author treated Hitler and the Nazis superciliously, as a lot of monkeys in the zoo. But they were far more evil, more able and dangerous. There was nothing comic about them: I should have treated them far more seriously. It was a work of the higher journalism, in the best sense.

But how much better it was than the appalling irresponsibility of A.J.P. Taylor's *The Origins of the Second World War*, which said that Hitler was not much more to blame than anybody else. Trevor-Roper was right about that. This led me to give my voice for him as Regius Professor at Oxford. Trevelyan wanted me for the job. I could not take it on. But anybody rather than Taylor!

Over the Hitler diaries fiasco, years later, Trevor-Roper has been made to pay unduly for his mistake. Anybody might have made the mistake. What was silly — and rash again — was saying pompously that he staked his scholarly reputation on their being authentic. A fig for reputation! — as William Shakespeare (about whom he was also wrong) might say. They took it out of him for that.

Years ago, in a moment of disenchantment, I wrote: "Trevor-Roper thinks he is Gibbon: the difference is that Gibbon wrote *The Decline and Fall*." But he also wrote a second masterpiece, his *Memoirs*. Perhaps our junior will be so good in his next decade to give us his autobiography for our fun and amusement?

Today's trial by ordeal

The press has revived a medieval form of trial as a test for fitness to govern. Instead of fire or water, politicians now have to endure threefold trial by the media

Are we all being unfair? Politicians have taken a hammering this past month. "Back to basics" may have been an accident on its way to happen. But none of the past month's Sinful Six quite deserved the media ordeal meted out to them. Hypocrisy is not the most serious of crimes in a politician. Such consistency is truly the hobgoblin of little minds.

Yet we turn our telephoto lenses on their houses by night and their places of work by day. When they appear in public we scream at them and transmit their reaction to the world. We telephone their spouses with libels and innuendoes. We pester their relatives: "I'm awfully sorry to bother you, but are you aware your son-in-law is allegedly . . ?" We dredge up every past mishap, matrimonial, domestic, financial. John Profumo, 30 years on, is dragged from his privacy and clamped yet again in the *pillory — for doing what that is so* extraordinary?

We invent ludicrous "public interests" to justify our prurience. David Mellor was "too tired from sex" to write his ministerial speeches. Lord Parkinson's "mind was not on his job", so we said. Our abuse is obscene — "Paddy Pantsdown . . . Toe-sucker . . . Five-in-a-row". Our harassment is inhuman. Wives and children, the bereaved and grief-stricken are not spared. In no other job is the punishment so disproportionate to the crime, or the crime so irrelevant to the job. Trial by ordeal was formally abolished by Innocent III. Or was it?

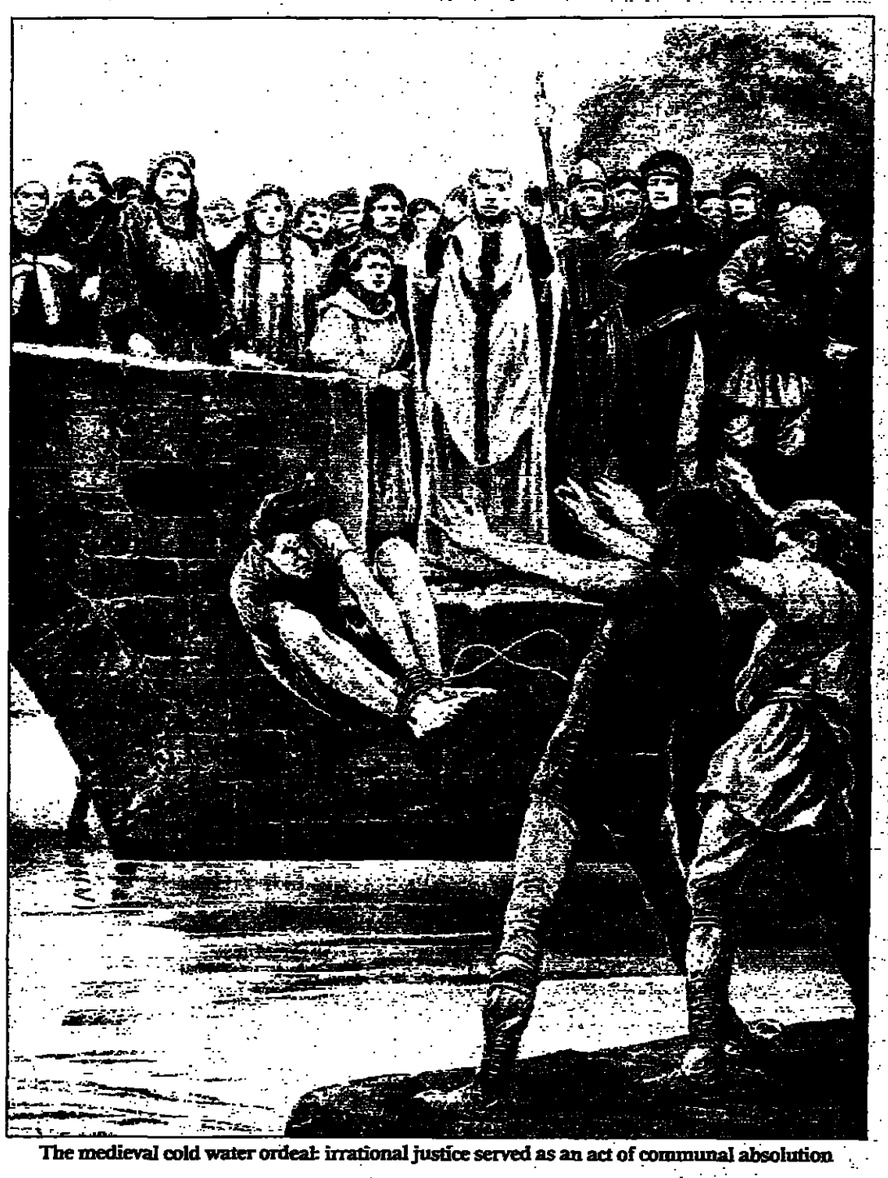
In 1215, the Catholic church took the view that divine intervention should not be invoked to settle personal disputes. Retrieving a ring from a boiling cauldron, walking on five hot ploughshares, holding a hot iron ball or being immersed in a tank of cold water may have been an advance on trial by combat. But 13th-century penal reformers felt that modern justice should abandon such barbarisms. Torture was to be employed instead. It was more high-tech.

Conservatives were appalled. They recalled the great days, from Athelstan to Henry II, when Britons were "trustworthy men of good repute, who had never failed in oath or ordeal". If a man denied a crime and called on God as his witness, "let him carry the hot iron".

Ordeal was an act of communal absolution. Those denying crimes not easily susceptible of proof by witnesses, such as adultery, sodomy, heresy or nocturnal homicide, had to be judged somehow. Ordeal was a primitive lie-detector. You swear your innocence? Then carry a flaming ball for three paces, bind up your hand and if it begins to heal in three days you are innocent. Or you may prefer to be plunged into a cold water pit to see if your body sinks like an honest person's should. (A rope was attached to the victim to prevent drowning: the ordeal was retained for witches, who would be condemned as "swimming" well into the 17th century.)

Most of us would ridicule this irrational route to justice. Anthropologists are less dismissive. The ordeal, which was a feature of European justice for some four centuries, was an advance on mob rule and on the brutality of trial by combat. It secured communal consensus for a tough decision. Ordeal by fire was especially useful. It required that a verdict be postponed for three days, while any communal hysteria could calm down. The rush to judgment was sublimated while an arbiter decided whether wounds had healed or not. Great excitement surrounded the removal of the bandages, but the outcome was treated as final. The crime was proved or absolved.

Robert Bartlett points out in his admirable *Trial by Fire and Water* that ordeal was not seen as especially cruel in what was anyway a violent world. It was normally voluntary and roughly half its victims were "proved" innocent. Besides, a calloused medieval hand or foot was not as delicate as one of ours. Much appears to have depended on the manner in which innocence was first protested and the decorum with which the ordeal was endured. Tristan's Isolde was acquitted of adultery after trial by ordeal even when guilty (in the legend not the opera). Adam Smith admired the fact that ordeals "put a speedy end to a dispute".



The medieval cold water ordeal: irrational justice served as an act of communal absolution

Simon Jenkins

As the medieval historian Peter Brown has written, "There was built-in flexibility . . . that enabled the group to maintain a degree of initiative quite contrary to the explicit ideology of the ordeal." Later, church and state law systematised ordeal, before banning it. But torture, usually administered by the prosecution, was crude and cruel in comparison.

So we appear to have come full circle. A modern democracy has revived trial by ordeal as a way of testing fitness to govern. Should any who rule over us commit even the most trivial or irrelevant misdemeanour, they must submit to "ordeal of the hot iron and water". They must endure trial by media.

The most fearsome test was the "triple ordeal" (a hot ball three times normal weight). Modern politics offers a similar agony. First *The Sun* or the *People* will reveal your private life in all its lurid detail, publicly humiliating you and your family. Three days later, the world holds its breath. Has the scorched flesh healed, or has it turned to pus and gangrene? After a week, the quality press discusses *ad nauseam* whether you have become "a political liability". Do you sink like an honest man, or does the Devil keep you on the surface? Then comes the third trial, the "ordeal of the blessed morsel". The whips office watches as you mouth your excuse. Do you swallow cleanly or choke and gasp in guilt?

Downing Street is the ultimate judge. But Downing Street will wait and observe how the victim conducts himself. How are the initial wounds healing? How does the mob react to the sizzling of flesh, the arms threshing in the water?

We must conclude that these ordeals have an archaic legitimacy. They reflect Britain's political immaturity, some deep public frustration at the lack of constitutional checks on government power. American electors can judge their president, and impede his actions, at Congressional elections every two years. In Britain we can do this only every five years. MPs may behave dictatorially in between. We cannot revolt against bad policy. Westminster majorities are proof against that. Formal opposition is "loyal", institutional, neutral. Bad governments are not defeated in parliamentary combat, let alone on the field of battle.

Thus disenfranchised for a term, we seek means of redress. If we cannot seize politicians by their necks, we can seize them by their private parts. When they scream we declare that Fate has spoken, that justice is done. I cannot think of any politician regarded as *unjustly* driven from office. Each fall from grace is evidence of the essential virtue of the public realm, of the innate power of democracy. Thus the media declare that they are not judging guilt or innocence, only character and conduct. Is the man a cad? Ask him to submit to the hot iron and see how he mends.

The media are the modern Furies. The Greeks knew and respected them. The Furies slept when Orestes visited Delphi. But they rose in a rage when he went to Pallas Athene and asked for acquittal on the charge of matricide. They pursued and persecuted him. They stood against him at his final trial, and when he was acquitted, they were appeased only when granted security and an honoured place in Athenian life. The Furies, portrayed by the chorus, thus justified their place in Athenian political culture.

And what was the Greek word for Furies? Eumenides, the Kindly Ones. Just so. Sometimes the old ways are best.

'Tis prettier on screen

MATTHEW BOND DIARY

YOU ARE, I trust, reading a freshly ironed copy of *The Times*, having breakfasted splendidly on the immaculate contents of the steaming silver dishes that sit upon your mahogany sideboard? I picture you, perhaps, resting a thoughtful elbow on a starched, white tablecloth, listening to the purr of the Bentley outside? Or is it the day for the underfootmen to rake the gravel before the hunt arrives for the meet and makes such an awful mess of your lawns?

What's that? You are not, I do not and there's not even room for a small donkey on your patio. Ah, I see. Well if that's the case, then frankly, my dears, you just simply must do something about your production values. They're all the rage, don'tcha know.

From the moment that a replica of Stephenson's Rocket rolled into the BBC's adaptation of *Middlemarch*, those of us whose chosen lot it is to keep a finger on the social pulse knew that something big was up. The key thing was that no sooner had the locomotive rolled onto our screens than it puffed straight off again — a 20 second cameo appearance, at most. That's the thing about production values: the more exquisitely incidental the better. And if the impoverished BBC can raise its, isn't it time you did something about yours?

But before you order yourself a gross of lightly soiled urchins, three Georgian mansions, a winding cobbled lane and a couple of Emma Thompsons — pause and reflect, over a sherry and dry biscuit perhaps. Your incidental period detail is not a thing to be rushed at impetuously.

Doubtless wishing they had thought a little longer about their production values must be Gillian Taylforth, the *EastEnders* actress, and her fiancé, Geoffrey Knights, who have spent most of the week entertaining the nation with what they did or did not do in a Range-Rover on a slip road of the A1. For it could all have been so very different.

Picture the scene. A lone coach-and-four rattling its way homeward along a darkening Great North Road. Inside a happy couple doze contentedly after a long day's carousing at the races. A jolt awakens the gentleman, who, his sleep interrupted, casts a mischievous glance at his singularly fair companion. With a wicked chuckle, he unbuckles his breeches before waking her with an imploring cry: "M'dear, I think I feel an attack of me old pancreatitis coming on." Thus stirred and seeing events taking a familiar path, she moves towards him with a knowing smile. "Oh, Sir Geoffrey . . ." Cut to exterior close up of grinning coachman, cracking his whip. Gross indecency or BBC costume drama?

A different Geoffrey has already learnt the rewards of raising his production values. Taking his cue from one of the BBC's past successes, *Bleak House*, Lord Howe set about the Scott enquiry with the zeal that Dickens reserved for Jarndyce *v* Jarndyce and the Court of Chancery. Beginning with a cavalier dismissal of Lord Justice Scott as "detective, inquisitor, advocate and judge", Howe duelled like a fencing master ("Me sir? Yes, you sir."), before running Alan Clark through with a rapier-like "walking definition of recklessness". Had he finished by retiring to a nearby tavern and ordering "a pipe and a flagon of your finest porter, landlord", no-one would have been the slightest bit surprised. Apart, perhaps, from the other sheep.

Of course, there are perils associated with too much period authenticity. Michael Grade of Channel 4 was this week called to defend Mary Wesley's *The Camomile Lawn*, which as well as a generous smattering of wartime bottoms and bosoms also featured some authentic Forties expletives. One individual, presumably unaware of the vogue for heightened values, protested — but in vain. If the word was written by an 81-year-old grandmother, ruled Grade, it could be heard by one. In other words, don't teach your grandmother.

Back at the BBC it was the Fifties authenticity in Barbara Vine's *A Dark Adapted Eye* that was causing the problems. Nothing to do with the steam trains, Bentleys and stately houses, but a brief scene involving two men and a potting shed. One peer this week expressed shock at what appeared to be going on at the bottom of the garden. Others, however, couldn't see what all the fuss was about — they thought the two men were simply sharing the shed to save money.

Anyway, must dash as I can hear my driver bringing the Rolls round. We're off to buy a wallful of coppered saucepans in the sales. Drat — dropped my monocle in the marmalade. Simpkins!

NO HIDING PLACE

Dirty air threatens the nation's children

To argue about pollution is always to enter contentious political territory. Those who rail against the state of our air and water often have a very mixed agenda, varying from visceral hostility to industry to special pleading for endangered species. It is hard to complain about air quality without seeming to join a cause.

Yet, as the response to the series of articles in *The Times* this week has shown, there is a widespread common sense concern that something is wrong with the air we breathe. True, in the days before the Clean Air Act British cities were famously blanketed in smogs. But then the pollution could be seen and even tasted. Today's air pollution is invisible and insidious. Adults cannot protect themselves and parents cannot protect their children — and the worries are growing.

Chemicals in the air, for example, are held responsible for the alarming increase in asthma in the past 20 years. Asthma is more than an inconvenience. Each year, 2,000 Britons die from it; and four out of five of those deaths are avoidable. Seven million working days are lost because of asthma, which costs employers £400 million a year, the NHS nearly £500 million and the social security budget, £70 million. Most frightening for parents is that one in seven children now suffer from asthma. Three decades ago, a child with asthma was an oddball at school; now children are expert at comparing brands of inhalers.

The Government's response to this epidemic has not been adequate. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, air monitoring was neglected because pollution was thought no longer to be a problem. Britain has only seven air monitoring sites, compared with 200 in Germany and 2,000 in Japan. Another 12 are soon to be added, but the per capita coverage is still the lowest in the EC. Meanwhile the reduction of asthma is not even included in Virgina Bottomley's Health of the Nation goals.

Britain's trees are sicker than those of any other European country, including the former Communist ones. Emissions from car exhausts have increased by 73 per cent since 1981, and a Government study in 1992 found that 19 million Britons were exposed to pollution exceeding EC guidelines. Children are particularly vulnerable. Those under three breathe in twice as much air for each pound of their bodyweight as adults. Their airways are narrower and their lungs still immature. Pollution can affect them permanently.

The way that children live in cities puts them all the more at risk. Babies in pushchairs are at almost the same level as car exhausts; they would be safer in prams. Children being taken to and from school have to walk past lines of cars with their engines on. Arrangements for this daily routine — timetables, parking and pick-up points — are rarely fixed by reference to the quality of the air being breathed. Parents can filter their children's water or wash their fruit, but they cannot launder the air.

More monitoring and research are vital. Until scientists can pinpoint the extent of the problem, they cannot advise people of the incidence of pollution or whether there are common-sense solutions to their fears. Monitoring sites could provide the information people need when deciding where to live, or even when to stay inside. At the moment, the Government telephone helpline is little use: the threshold at which it warns people of pollution is so high as to be barely ever reached.

Eventually the problem of car emissions cannot be avoided. Catalytic converters were only made compulsory for new cars from this month; in America they have been obligatory for 18 years. Still more of a problem comes from old cars and commercial vehicles. One old and badly maintained car emits as much poison as 40 cleaner cars.

British cities may have to learn more lessons from continental Europe, where cars are often banned from city centres and public transport is quick, cheap and efficient. Transport systems are integrated so that people can move easily from bus to train to tram. Even in Britain, good public transport can wean people off their cars: the new supertram system in Manchester is already carrying two million passengers more than forecast. Exhortation too can play a part. Few people may be willing to give up the convenience of their cars for the sake of the planet. But warn them that their children could suffer and change may come.

PIFFLE AND WAFFLE

Tory taxing, Tory spending and Tory troubles

On Thursday night the Chancellor of the Exchequer described an analysis of Tory tax policy in *The Times* as "absolute piffle". What can we say in reply? "Absolute waffle", would be among the kinder phrases that we might choose.

Mr Clarke was referring to a study by Anatole Kaletsky and Janet Bush of income tax rises since the Conservatives took office in 1979. Headlined "Tax: how you were better off under Denis Healey", the report showed how most people, even on much higher than average incomes, would be paying a larger share of their earnings in income tax and national insurance from this April than they did in the last year of the Labour government. This figure is a simple statement of fact — and one which does not even take into account today's higher levels of indirect taxation.

Mr Clarke's counter to this charge on Thursday's *Question Time* was that most people were better off in real terms than they were in 1979. Of course they are; it would be a disgrace if they were not. But that does not address our point: that in terms of tax, they will now pay a higher proportion of their earnings to the Exchequer than they did then. And this from the party which prided itself upon low direct taxation.

"Socialist propaganda" was the other epithet Mr Clarke applied to our study. We doubt if our readers think that *The Times* has turned socialist. Labour has yet to prove to us that it is a preferable government. At the last election, we scrupulously exposed the size of the tax burden that Labour threatened to impose on Britain. We had no idea that the Conservatives would match the Opposition's voracity, if not their veracity.

If the Chancellor genuinely wishes to avoid the tax issue and argue only about making people better off, he still has a tricky case to answer. The 14-year period from 1979 to 1993, which takes in the Conservatives' time in office, has seen almost the lowest rise in gross domestic product — 26.3 per cent — of any 14-year period in the past three decades. Labour, if it chose, could contrast the figure measured in 1979, at the end of Labour's time in office, 41.4 per cent, and Labour was in power for ten out of those 14 years.

The tax issue remains central, however. We are not saying that Labour would have spent and taxed less, nor that Britain would have been better governed under Labour, nor any other of the other claims that a socialist propragandist might make. We are not even saying that every aspect of this tax policy is wrong. We are simply suggesting that the programme of long-term spending reductions is still the most important part of government policy, that the tax figures stand among the most basic basics that ministers should be discussing: and that, as soon as they stop lining up, like accused men in a show trial, to sing from the same approved book of party morality, they should start discussing them.

THE BREAST CANCER LOTTERY

Britain's death rate from this disease is shamefully high

Every year, 15,000 women die of breast cancer in Britain. This statistic would be shocking under any circumstances; but this country also has the highest death rate from breast cancer in the world. This is an eminently avoidable defect in the nation's health care.

A survey of 417 women diagnosed with breast cancer published in the *British Medical Journal* yesterday showed that guidelines for the treatment of the disease were not being followed in many cases. Since the survey was carried out in 1990, some progress has been made. More than a million women are now being checked each year under the NHS screening programme which offers women aged 50 to 64 an X-ray check-up every three years. More than 6,500 cancers were detected during 1992. But much more could still be done.

Better diagnostic services are certainly needed for younger women. Likewise, the law still does too little to protect women with breast cancer whose condition is misdiagnosed through medical negligence. The main area of concern, however, should be the apparent arbitrariness of much of the treatment which follows diagnosis. In spite of guidelines published in 1986, the manner in which radiotherapy, chemotherapy and hormonal treatment with Tamoxifen is applied is still far too variable. The *BMJ*'s survey showed alarming disparities in techniques used to treat women of the same age with cancers of similar severity. Four out of ten pre-menopausal patients in whom the disease had spread did not receive the recommended chemotherapy. In only one in four of cases was the severity of the cancers correctly assessed.

In particular, there is a strong case for an independent enquiry into the use of radiotherapy to treat breast cancer. Though it has been known that this treatment can cause incurable damage to the shoulder since the 1960s, too little research has been carried out into the reasons for this side-effect and ways it might be prevented. More than 1,000 women already claim to have been left with a useless arm as a result of radiotherapy treatment. Their allegations deserve a thorough investigation, followed if necessary by fresh guidelines on the use of this form of treatment.

These issues should be of grave concern to the professional bodies and to health ministers. They raise fundamental questions about the balance between clinical independence — a foundation stone of medicine — and standardised medical procedure. A national health system should respect a doctor's professional judgment; but the interests of patients should also be protected against wayward diagnosis and arbitrary prescription. In the case of breast cancer, this balance has yet to be struck.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Counting costs under Chancellors Healey and Clarke

From Mr Paul Goggins

Sir, *The Times* has provided a telling comparison between the tax burden for average households under Denis Healey and Kenneth Clarke (report and leading article, January 13). Extending this analysis from the middle and higher-income groups to include those on the lowest incomes reveals the scandal of deepening poverty and social division.

Whilst those on low and middle incomes will soon feel the harsh effect of recent budgets, those with the highest incomes will remain relatively unscathed. Treasury figures reveal that £32 billion less will be paid in income tax this year than would have been the case if the 1978-79 regime were still in place. Half of that gain goes to the richest 10 per cent.

The rate at which direct taxes are levied has to be set against the actual level of income which people receive. Since 1979 the average increase in real income has been 36 per cent, with the richest tenth enjoying a rise of 62 per cent. Meanwhile, the poorest tenth have seen their incomes *fall* in real terms by 14 per cent.

Combining income tax and national insurance contributions distorts the overall picture because of the national insurance ceiling. Employee contributions were 6 per cent in 1979; from April they will be 10 per cent. It is those with annual incomes below £21,840, however, who bear the greatest burden. Lifting the national insurance ceiling would give the Chancellor an additional £3 billion in revenue.

The Chancellor attempted to square the economic circle in the November Budget by targeting both average earners and the poorest. Perhaps those on middle incomes will now appreciate a little more what the last 15 years have been like for the least well-off in society who have been in the firing line throughout.

As the next election approaches there will, no doubt, be a move to win back electoral support through further cuts in the basic rate of income tax. Whilst your analysis shows that such measures are highly deceptive, they bring no comfort whatsoever to people at the bottom of the pile. Meanwhile, those with the largest incomes will no doubt wonder what all the fuss is about and continue to enjoy the considerable benefits they have gained in recent years.

Such inequality is surely the starting point for any politician who is serious about creating a moral society.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL GOGGINS
(National Co-ordinator),
Church Action on Poverty,
Central Buildings,
Oldham Street, Manchester 1.

From Mr Peter Thurnham, MP for Bolton North East (Conservative)

Sir, Janet Bush and Anatole Kaletsky are talking nonsense ("Tax: how you were better off under Denis Healey", report, January 13).

We were *not* better off under Denis Healey. We pay more tax today precisely because taxpayers are so much better off. Allowing for inflation, the net income of a two-child married couple on average earnings is up by over £80 per week or 40 per cent since 1979. Under Labour, the same income rose by only 0.6 per cent in five years.

As for higher-income earners, I remember how it hurt under Healey. Struggling to build up a new business, and paying for children at private schools, I had to earn £10,000 for every £1,700 in school fees and loan repayments. Even those on half average earnings are 30-40 per cent better off than under Labour, in real take-home pay.

Under Healey's punitive tax regime, the top 10 per cent of taxpayers contributed only 34 per cent of all income taxes. Today's top 10 per cent pay 45 per cent of all income taxes. That's how we all benefit from a National Health Service costing 60 per cent more in real terms than in 1979, and how we doubled the proportion of young people in higher education.

Would Janet Bush and Anatole Kaletsky calculate the hugely increased real take-home pay of journalists since 1979 under the Conservative Government?

Yours faithfully,
PETER THURNHAM,
House of Commons,
January 13.

From Mr Alan Beith, MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, In an article in Monday's *Times* it was reported that the Prime Minister had never intended to put up taxes but that the Government had been forced to do so because of the recession. The Prime Minister was quoted as saying, "I did not expect that we would have to put up taxes. If I had thought that, I would have indicated the reverse."

Perhaps he ought to be reminded that in April 1992, when he went to the the country, the recession was already at least 25 months old and nearing its end. At the same time the Government, in its annual Red Book, was predicting a PSBR for 1992-93 of £30 billion and rising. Most forecasters at the time estimated that at least half of the £30 billion deficit was structural, implying that taxes would have to rise substantially.

How did all this escape the Prime Minister's notice?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BEITH
(Deputy Leader and Treasury spokesman of the Liberal Democrats),
House of Commons,
January 13.

The conversion of a royal duchess

From the Reverend Dr R. T. Beckwith

Sir, Your editorial on the Duchess of Kent's conversion to Roman Catholicism (January 12) did not maintain the high level of realism shown in Simon Heffer's recent articles on the monarchy (January 4-6).

Certainly the monarch may rightly exercise her discretion in the case of a member of the royal family remote from the succession, but royal marriages would only be irrelevant to the question of disestablishment if the faith of wives had no influence on that of their husbands or children.

The changes made after the succession of William III and Mary did not change the constitution so much as safeguard it. Since the reign of Elizabeth, the monarch's role in relation to the Church of England had been carefully defined as "supreme governor", and it was bitter experience in the 17th century, not "paranoia" as you allege, which led statesmen to see that there was an implicit contradiction in the constitution if a monarch with this role became, or even married, a Roman Catholic.

Either the monarch is supreme governor, under God, of the national church, or she is not. If she is, as the constitution of England says, let us not pretend that the monarch's marriage is a purely private matter, irrelevant to that role. Still less can we pretend, *pace* William Rees-Mogg (January 13), that the monarch's personal religious allegiance is irrelevant.

Yours faithfully,
R. T. BECKWITH
(Warden), Latimer House,
131 Banbury Road, Oxford.
January 12.

From the Reverend Dr David Allen

Sir, When senior Anglicans trumpet their abandonment of the basic doctrines of "the faith which was once delivered to the saints" (Jude iii) and the goalposts of morality are constantly being moved, it is not surprising that the Church of Rome, despite the rococo accretions it has acquired down the centuries, proves attractive to those looking for a spiritual home.

Where the duchess has led, others will follow — unless, of course, the Anglican leadership sets its house in order. I wish her well; but I deeply regret the present condition of the Church of England, which, I feel, has made her difficult and painful decision that much easier.

Sincerely,
DAVID ALLEN,
Mattersey Hall, Mattersey,
Nr Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

From Mr Craig R. Buchanan

Sir, The question raised by William Rees-Mogg — why do we still have the Act of Settlement on our statute book? — is far from academic. As a modern and mature nation, forward-looking, trying to carve out a place for ourselves at the heart of the new Europe which is evolving around us, is it not ludicrous that we still discriminate on religious grounds in determining the succession to the throne.

Disestablishment of the Church of England is already thought to be under discussion (report, December 9). Should that occur, surely the way would be open for the repeal of the Act of Settlement, thus allowing the monarch and his or her family to follow whatever religion their individual consciences dictated.

Britain has nothing to fear from the unlikely prospect of a Catholic monarch, and even less from the conversion of a quite distant member of the monarch's family. Let us repeal an Act which is woefully out of step with the times and, I believe, with the country's mood.

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely,
CRAIG R. BUCHANAN,
107 Warwick Way, Pimlico, SW1.

Damage at Windsor

From Dr Paul Binski

Sir, The opening of Windsor Castle to the public (report and photograph, January 5) with a new charge of £8 follows rather unfortunately from your report (December 13; also letter, January 1) of damage to the castle's medieval decorations.

I write to express my concern about this damage, and to raise two substantive issues about the due care of antiquities of this type in the royal palaces.

Firstly, the apartments in the upper bailey at Windsor belong, with their decoration, to what was in effect the grandest English campaign of secular royal patronage in the later Middle Ages. It cost Edward III, who transformed the castle into the present fortified palace, the equivalent to the building of Westminster Abbey under Henry III.

The presence of contemporary painted work in this part of the palace is therefore of the utmost interest, given the rarity of such survivals. Every effort should be made to conserve this unique decoration and to reassure the paying public that the authorities at Windsor are fitting custodians of its medieval heritage.

Secondly, it is also alarming, to say the least, that disclosure of this damage should have been so delayed. The history since 1800 of the interior decorations of England's two chief medieval royal palaces, Windsor and Westminster, has been dismal. It is to be hoped that a more open approach to, and appreciation of, those that remain can be encouraged in future.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL BINSKI,
University of Manchester,
History of Art Department,
Manchester M13 9PL.
January 11.

It's on your record

From Mr B. G. C. Becker

Sir, I found the serious errors of credit reference agencies (letter, January 3) extremely interesting. Last September I wrote to my bank requesting a computer printout of information held on me in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

After five weeks a large bundle arrived. Close inspection showed an alarming number of serious mistakes that could affect my credit rating. These ranged from the statement that there was a mortgage on my house (a loan from the bank repaid in 1988) to a broad heading, "other liabilities", about which the bank could not provide details. A letter pointing out the mistakes (including my date of birth) produced a brief letter thanking me but not apologising.

Do not the banks owe us all a duty of care to see that fundamental information held by them is correct?

Yours sincerely,
BASIL BECKER,
Coppers Hill, Burwash,
Nr Etchingham, East Sussex.
January 5.

From Mr B. W. Hawkins

Sir, I recently applied for a credit card that was offered by a yachting association to which I belong — only to be refused. I did not want the card. I applied because the association said it would help them. I have more than enough plastic cards already.

When I asked the credit agency for an explanation I was given "the facts", which were actually wholly erroneous.

I will not go into detail apart from giving one example — a supposed £32 debt owed to Harrods by my wife some years ago. I have written to Harrods twice about this but have had no reply. The store has, however, continued to "treat" with us over the years.

There was not what I would see as one real reason in the agency's record to object to credit.

Yours etc,
BEN HAWKINS,
The Old Rectory, Penton Mewsey,
Andover, Hampshire.
January 4.

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On thin ice

From Mr Patrick C. Paton

Sir, I am pleased to learn that Torvill and Dean have now been "officially revirginalised" (leading article, January 10). It sounds very trendy; has it anything to do with getting back to basics?

Yours etc,
PATRICK C. PATON,
Upper End Lodge, Eckington,
Pershore, Worcestershire.
January 10.

Pets and the elderly

From Mrs Averil R. Jarvis

Sir, Nigel Hawkes's excellent article about pets being good for the health of older people (December 30) raises many points which are being addressed, and have been for eight years, by the Cinnamon Trust, a national charity for elderly and terminally ill people and their companion animals.

Pets are usually very precious to elderly people. The trust is compiling a register of residential and nursing homes nationwide that will accept pets with their owners.

We are able to advise homes which would like to offer this facility but have concerns regarding the many problems that may crop up.

The separation of owner and much loved pet when the former becomes too frail to stay at home is iniquitous, and there is absolutely no need for it. The trust is also able to assure a safe and happy future for pets who outlive their owners.

Yours sincerely,
A. JARVIS (Director),
The Cinnamon Trust,
Poldarves Farm, Trescowe Common,
Germoe, Penzance, Cornwall.

From Mrs Suzanne Beven

Sir, Some years ago, inspecting an excellent council-run retirement home, I came across a contented-looking nonagenarian with an even more contented cat purring on her lap.

The warden explained that as this old lady had refused to leave her own home without her cat, the no-pets rule had been bent with the suggestion that she should sign a paper freely giving her pet to the home.

Everyone seemed happy with this humane solution.

Yours faithfully,
SUZANNE BEVEN,
16 Parkwood Avenue,
Esher, Surrey.
January 3.

From Mr John Staddon

Sir, In more than 30 years as a social worker both in the field and as a manager, helping to place older people in residential care homes, not once can I recall any person who so wished being denied taking their pet with them.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STADDON,
5a Ellenborough Park Road,
Weston-super-Mare, Avon.
January 2.

Smuggled alcohol

From Dr Tony Portno

Sir, Your report (January 5) on the smuggling of alcohol draws attention to a serious problem that, in effect, stems from the grossly excessive levels of alcohol duty in the UK. The flood of drinks imported on cross-Channel ferries, either legitimately as personal imports or for illegal resale, threatens employment in the UK brewing industry, the viability of pubs and, self-evidently, that proportion of beverage alcohol upon which the Government collects duty.

You quote a Customs and Excise spokesman as stating that UK profit margins on alcoholic drinks are amongst the highest in Europe. This is incorrect. It is true that, including duty, beer in this country is the second dearest in the European Union (only Ireland is more expensive). At the duty-free level British beer is the second cheapest in Europe — only Portugal is cheaper.

The British drink 21 per cent of all beer consumed in the EU; we pay 55 per cent of all beer duty in the EU. Need I say more?

Yours sincerely,
TONY PORTNO
(Chief Executive),
Bass Brewers Ltd,
137 High Street,
Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.
January 5.

From Mr Lance Gibson

Sir, It seems extremely short-sighted that seized goods are not auctioned off to generate revenue for HM Customs and Excise, maybe to enlarge its drugs-related operations.

Its spokesman is misguided in his opinion that this practice would distort the market as, especially in the South East, the massive difference in cross-Channel prices has already made this a reality.

A more liberal attitude towards the disposal of seized goods might bring about the creation of auction-trade jobs and a small boost to the distant recovery from recession.

Yours faithfully,
LANCE GIBSON,
Sussex Auction Galleries,
59 Perrymount Road,
Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

From the Director of Alcohol Concern

Sir, Your report that Customs and Excise officers are burying seized contraband alcohol in landfill sites in Kent conjures up a vision of booty-hunters armed with shovels taking to the countryside in the hope of uncovering a dump of hidden crates.

But surely there is a better way to dispose of alcohol seized in this way: the Government should sell the drink it seizes and plough the proceeds into providing help centres for people with alcohol problems.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC APPLEBY,
Director, Alcohol Concern,
275 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

Taxpayer's title

From Mr K. W. Woznica

Sir, If the Inland Revenue (letter from its director general, January 11), probably in anticipation of an eventual privatisation, wants to use commercial language, then the proper title for taxpayers should be "supplier" and not "customer".

Yours faithfully,
K. W. WOZNICA,
Willowsprings, Longhedge,
Corsley, Wiltshire.
January 11.

From Squadron Leader Jack Currie, RAF (retd)

Sir, Failing "Sir" or "Madam", there is a case for "investor", but probably "victim" would be best.

Yours faithfully,
JACK CURRIE,
Westfield, Thirsk Road,
Easingwold, York.

From Mrs Elizabeth Hall

Sir, Since Inland Revenue (and British Rail) redefined my relationship to them as "customer", my hairdresser has upgraded me to "client".

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH HALL,
14 Clinton Hill, Dormansland,
Lingfield, Surrey.
January 11.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 14: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Lord Braybrooke (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Essex) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Essex and Flag Aide-de-Camp) which was held in Chelmsford Cathedral this afternoon.
The Prince of Wales was represented by Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch.
The Prince Edward was represented by Major General Andrew Evans.
The Princess Royal was represented by Mrs Andrew Feilden.
The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Captain Alexander Tetley.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 14: The Duke of Gloucester, President, St Bartholomew's Hospital, this morning opened two Linear Accelerator facilities in the Radiotherapy Department at the Hospital, West Smithfield, London EC1.
Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Scottish Rugby Union, will attend the Wales v Scotland match at Cardiff Arms Park at 2.05pm.
TOMORROW: The Princess Royal will attend a Special Constabulary Book of Remembrance service at Coventry Cathedral at 2.55pm.

Birthdays

Princess Michael of Kent celebrates her birthday today.

Today: Mr Robert Armstrong, racehorse trainer, 50; Mr Nick Ashley, designer, 37; Mrs Margaret Beckett, MP, 51; Mr Chuck Berry, singer, 68; Mr Frank Bough, broadcaster, 61; Sir Neil Cossons, director, National Museum of Science and Industry, 55; Lord Dacre of Glanton, 80; Miss Jane Drabble, assistant managing director, BBC Network Television, 47; Mr Anthony Forbes, joint senior partner, Cazenove and Company, 56; Professor P.C.C. Garnham, parasitologist, 93; Mr Gareth Hale, comedian, 41; the Hon Mary Hogg, QC, 47; Sir John Junor, journalist, 75; Mr Nicholas Knightly, fashion designer, 27; Lord Lever of Manchester, 80; Professor Peter Maitlis, inorganic chemist, 61; Lord Simon of Glaisdale, 83; Mr T.C. Skeffington-Lodge, former MP, 89; Professor Sir John Smith, QC, professor of law, 72; Mr John Terraine, author, 73; Sir John Wordie, barrister, 70.

Tomorrow: Mr Colin Banks, graphic designer, 62; Sir Alastair Blair, former Writer to the Signet, 86; Mr Richard Burrows, chief executive and chairman, Irish Distillers Group, 48; Air Marshal Sir Robert Craven, 78; Sir Robin Dunn, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 76; Professor Roy Foster, Irish historian, 45; Miss Lynne Franks, public relations consultant, 45; Professor Sir Peter Hirsch, metallurgist, 69; Sir Jack Layden, former chairman, Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 68; Professor Elaine Murphy, professor of psycho-geriatrics, 47; Mr R.L. Ormond, director, National Maritime Museum, 55; Miss N.S. Peppard, race relations consultant, 72; Mr K.H. Shackleton, artist and naturalist, 71; Professor Sir Frederick Stewart, geologist, 78; Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, 73; Mr Cliff Thorburn, snooker player, 46; Miss Christine Truman, tennis player, 53; Lady Vaizey, art critic, 56; Professor Sir William Wade, QC, former master, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 76; Mr James Watson, chairman, National Freight Consortium, 59; Mr Michael White, theatre and film producer, 58.

Dinner

The Earl of Lytton
The Earl of Lytton and the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators were the hosts at a dinner of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators held at the House of Lords on January 7 to discuss resolution of medical disputes.
The guests included: Lord Donaldson of Lymington and Dame Mary Donaldson, Sir Bryan Askew (regional chairman, Yorkshire Regional Health Authority), Professor Alistair Spence (president, Royal College of Anaesthetists), Professor Michael Besser (chief executive, St Bartholomew's Hospital), Dr Alistair Donald (president, Royal College of General Practitioners), Miss Christine Hancock (secretary general, Royal College of Nurses), and Miss Ruth Ashton (secretary general, Royal College of Midwives).

Luncheon

British Academy of Experts
Mr Michael Cohen, Chairman of the British Academy of Experts, presided at the annual chairman's luncheon held yesterday at the Lanesborough Hotel. Among those present were: Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Justice MacDermott, Mrs Justice Arden, Sir Denis Marshall, Mr Justice Mance, His Honour John Newey, QC, Mr Rodger Pannone, Mr Ian Bruce, MP, Mr Robert Davies, Ms Marie-Louise Rossi and Mr Norman Royce.

Woolmen's Company

The Princess Royal has been elected Master of the Woolmen's Company for the ensuing year. The other officers are: Upper Warden, Mr Clifford S. Dennis; Under Warden, Mr Michael D. Abrahams.

Latest wills

Sir Peter McLay Mills, of Copplestone, Crediton, Devon, former Conservative MP for Torridge and West Devon, left estate valued at £128,327 net.
He left £5,000 to Crediton Parochial Church Council.

Memorial services

Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lord Braybrooke, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis held yesterday in Chelmsford Cathedral.
The Prince of Wales was represented by Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeogh, Prince Edward by Major-General Andrew Evans, the Princess Royal by Mrs Andrew Feilden and the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Captain Alexander Tetley.
Canon Timothy Thompson, Vice-Provost of Chelmsford, officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood, who read the prayers. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton and Canon Christopher Lewis, son, read the lessons. Mr J. Norris, Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Essex, read John Betjeman's Essex and the Right Rev John Waine, Bishop of Chelmsford, gave an address.
Canon Paul Brett, Canon Peter Southwell-Sander, Canon Barry Thompson and Canon David Knight were robed and in the sanctuary. Among others present were: The Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk (also representing the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk), the High Sheriff of Essex, the Chairman and the Chief Executive of Essex County Council, the Clerk to the Lieutenancy, the Chief Constable, the Chief Fire Officer, the County Treasurer, the County Education Officer, and the Mayors of Chelmsford, Brentwood, Castle Point, Redbridge, Southend and Thurrock.

Mr Vivian Fisher
A memorial service for Mr Vivian Fisher, MA, will be held in the Chapel of Jesus College, Cambridge, on Saturday, February 12, 1994, at 2.30pm.

University news

King's College London
The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geroge Carey, is to be awarded a Presentation Fellowship on Monday at Westminster Central Hall.

Joyce signs up for London

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter


Joyce: lived briefly in London in 1931

THE first James Joyce memorial in England will be erected next month when English Heritage attaches a blue plaque to 28B Campden Grove, west London, where Joyce took up residence early in May 1931.

Barry Raymond, an Irish sales manager who describes himself as a "passionate amateur", succeeded in gaining approval for the plaque where two others had failed. He said that he had been mystified by the absence of any kind of monument to Joyce in London.

"I thought it was very strange. I wrote to English Heritage in 1989 and it took until April 1992 for them to write back accepting the idea. There are so many plaques dedicated to far less famous people, it just seemed odd."

Danis Rose, the Joycean scholar who edited the forthcoming *Finn's Hotel* containing "abandoned" stories by Joyce, claims that the underlying reason for the omission had been English prejudice.

The first attempt to persuade English Heritage to erect a plaque was made in 1971 by another Irishman, Michael Collins. His proposal was rejected, according to English Heritage, because Joyce had not lived in London for long enough.

The writer arrived at Campden Grove from Paris, to get married — for the second time, he claimed — and expected to stay indefinitely. He stayed for almost six months.

The plaque will be unveiled by the writer Edna O'Brien on February 2, Joyce's 112th birthday.

School news

Mill Hill and Belmont
Belmont, Mill Hill Junior School, will entertain Le Directeur and friends and pupils from the Institution Join Lambert in Rouen this weekend. This event marks the tenth anniversary of the exchange between the schools and follows on from the recent 25th anniversary with Mill Hill School. Lord Slynn of Hadley, Chairman of the Court of Governors, Mr Euan MacAlpine, Headmaster of Mill Hill School and Mr John Hawkins, Master of Belmont, will attend.

Giggleswick School
Easter term began on January 10 when Richard Boult of the Industrial Society conducted a Staff Leadership Course. Andrew Harfoot continues as Head of School. Simon Nesbitt is Captain of Rugby Sevens, Claire Hanson is Captain of Hockey and Justin Owen is Captain of Soccer. The Sir Douglas Glover Memorial Lecture will be given today, January 15, by The Right Hon Sir Leon Brittan, QC, a Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities. The final selection for the Jim Russell Motor Racing Scholarship will be at Donington on January 16. Scarrig will be run on January 22. Examinations for Academic, Music, Drama, Design/Technology, General Distinction and Sport Scholarships will take place in the week from February 3. The Rev Stuart Affleck will be the School's Lent Visitor. There will be a Concert in Chapel by the Camerata Brass Quintet on February 27 and the Individual Music Competition will be on March 6. Lower Sixth Work Placement and Student Exchanges to France and Germany begin on March 14. The Dramatic Society will perform *Macbeth* on March 13, 15, 16 at Giggleswick and then in Oslo at the start of the Easter Holiday. The Old Giggleswickians' Dinner will be held at School on March 19. Any Old Giggleswickians not in regular contact with the school are asked to write to the Headmaster's Secretary, Giggleswick School, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 ODE.

Marriages

Dr S.K.S. Fung and Dr E.Y.D. Chow
The marriage took place on December 18, 1993, in Hong Kong, between Dr Samuel Fung and Dr Eudora Chow.

Professor R.S.J. Garland and Professor A.L. Johnson
The marriage took place on Saturday, January 8, at Goring Methodist Church, Worthing, between Professor Robert S.J. Garland and Professor Anita L. Johnson.

Mr W.G. Underwood and Mrs D.G. Coates
The marriage took place quietly in London, on Saturday, January 8, between Mr William Greaves Underwood and Mrs Denzil Gaynor Coates.

Appointments

The Rev Alan Megahey, Rector, Peterhouse, Marondere, Zimbabwe: to be Chaplain, Uppingham School (Peterborough).

Forthcoming marriages

Dr R.G. Bogle and Dr A.C. Burke-Gaffney
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs G.R. Bogle, of Hayesford Park, Bromley, Kent, and Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Burke-Gaffney, of Troon Court, Sunninghill, Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr P.C. Chivers and Miss D.L. Mase
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of the late Mr Clifford Chivers and of Mrs Julia Chivers, of Exeter, Devon, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Mase, of the Isle of Man.

Mr J.M.L. Cloke and Miss S.H. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Cloke, of Folkestone, Kent, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Jackson, of Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Mr J.H.M. Griffiths and Miss H.R. Yeend
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Sir Eldon Griffiths, of California, and Mrs S. Griffiths, of London, and Hilary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John W. Yeend, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr G.D. Harper and Dr J.F. Skinner
The engagement is announced between Gareth, eldest son of Mrs R.J. Harper and the late Mr C.D. Harper, of Goring-on-Thames, Berkshire, and Jean, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G. Skinner, of Kingston Vale, Surrey.

Mr S.W. Hollings and Miss J.M. Spray
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs John Hollings, of Hartford, Cheshire, and Julia, daughter of Mr Robert Spray and the late Mrs Margaret Spray, of Kingswood, Surrey.

Dr D.M. Humphreys and Miss E. Bekova
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs David Humphreys, of Swallowfield Park, Reading, and Elvira, daughter of Mrs Rasheda Nakibekova, of Moscow, Russia.

Mr G.L.A. May and Miss S.L. Bland
The engagement is announced between George, son of Mr and Mrs R.V. May, of West Milton, Dorset, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Bland, of Northampton, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.P. Newman and Miss G.M. Hawkins
The engagement is announced between Jonathon, second son of Mr and Mrs Robert Newman, of Thruxton, Hampshire, and Georgina Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Hawkins, of East Molesey, Surrey.

Mr D.B. Parker and Miss C.M. Hayward
The engagement is announced between David Brailsford, son of Mr and Mrs William Parker, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Caroline Mayo, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Hayward, of Fairlight, East Sussex.

Mr D.N.Y. Robinson and Miss L.M. Adlam
The engagement is announced between Dominic, elder son of Mrs June Lincoln and the late Mr Michael Robinson, and Lynette (Lyndy), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Adlam, of Palmerston North, New Zealand.

Mr M. Sealy and Miss L.A. Shields
The engagement is announced between Marcus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.C. Sealy, of Dorchester, Dorset, and Lucy, second daughter of Colonel and Mrs D.N. Shields, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr A. Surtees and Miss M-J. Carthew
The engagement is announced between Athol, second son of Mr and Mrs Colin Surtees, of Johannesburg, and Mary-Jane, only daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Peter Carthew, of Wester Flisk, Fife.

Mr D.J. Weir and Dr J.M. Homewood
Mr and Mrs J. Homewood, of Radley, Oxfordshire, are delighted to announce the engagement of their younger daughter Jill Mary, to Duncan John, son of Mrs June Weir and of the late Mr Robert Weir, of Esher, Surrey.

Church services tomorrow

Second Sunday after Epiphany
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons), The Bishop of Dover; 2.15 H Baptism; 3.15 E, Surge, illuminare (Palestrina); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Canon.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Fugue in G minor (Canon Ronald Johns; 3 E, Ireland in F, Prelude and Fuge in C minor (Mendelssohn).
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, Rev Bryan Shirley; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), Ave verum (Elgar), Canon Peter Southwell-Sander; 3 Christingle S, Ian Sparks; 6 Choral E, Vann in E minor, Canon Barry Thompson.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Lit; 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Dyson in F, Canon Michael Rees; 11.30 Choral Euch, Steel in E minor; 3.30 Choral E, Stanley Vann in D; 6.30 E, Canon Roger Faulkner.
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, Darke in F, Canon Gerald Hughes; 3 NASCO Comm S; 5.30 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Come my way (Harris).
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Te Deum in A flat (Harris), Canon Brown; 11.15 HC, Mass in three parts (Byrd), Canon Hodgson; 3.30 E, Sumsion in G.
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Jubilate (Walton), The Precentor; 6.30 Epiphany Proc, Marche des Rois Mages (Dubois).
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Ireland in C, The Treasurer; 4 Choral E, Murrill in E.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Lit; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), The Dean; 11.15 M, Te Deum & Benedictus in C (Stanford), The Subdean; 3.45 E, Purcell in G minor, Prelude and Fugue in A minor (Bach).
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Jackson in G, Jubilate in B flat (Stanford), Preb Michael Metcalf; 3.30 E, Brewer in D.
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M&Lit; 8, 12.15 Euch; 9 Parish Euch, Rev JF Redvers Harris; 11 S Euch, Leighton in D, Rev SP Kirk; 3.30 Choral E, Collegium Regale (Howells); 6.30 Parish E, Mr Victor Steele.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), The Dean; 11.30 M, The Windsor Service (Howells), Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons); 3 E, The Sixth Service (Weelkes), Rev PdeN Lucas.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Stanford in C, Canon Colin Semper; 11.15 Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart); 3 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Rev Michael Hayes; 5.45 Organ Recital, Michael Harris; 6.30 ES, Rev Richard Ballard.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7, M; 10 MP; 10.30 Solemn M, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Jubilate Deo (Gabrieli); 3.30 V&B, Magnificat octavi toni (Victoria); 4.30 Organ Recital, Iain Simcock.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in F, *Prelude and Fugue in A minor* (Buxtehude), The Archdeacon; 3.30 Choral E, Wood in E flat, In dir ist Freude (Bach).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 6 M; 10 Family M; 11.30 Solemn M, Fr A Richins.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 MS & HC, Rev Dr J Philip Newell; 10 MS & HC; 11.30 MS, Very Rev Dr John MK Paterson; 6 Prog of Music, Queensferry High, Rev Dr J Philip Newell; 8 ES.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 SC; 11 Choral Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), The Legend (Tchaikovsky), The Bishop; 6.30 Choral E, Salisbury Service (Shepherd), Omnes de Saba (Handl).
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Videntes stellam (Poulenc), Rev P McGeary; 6 E&B, Murrill in E, O magnum mysterium (Poulenc), Rev CA Jones.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C; 11 Rev Preb Richard Bewes; 6.30 Rev John Cook, All Souls Orchestra.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa in illo tempore (Monteverdi), Alma redemptoris mater (Soriano), Ave verum (Carissimi).
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 S, Rev Stanley Hood.
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Tom Gillum; 11 Informal S, Rev Tom Gillum; 6.30 Informal S, Rev Sandy Millar.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.30, 4.30, 7, M; 11 Messe du Sacre coeur (Gounod), Surge illuminare (Palestrina); 3.30 V&B, Puer qui natus est nobis (Morales).
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Ronald T Englund; 7 Bach V, Brandenburg Concerto No.4 in G, Rev Michael Meech.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M&HC, Short Service (Weelkes); 6.30 Choral Euch, Wood in the Phrygian mode, Preb Michael Shrewsbury.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M, Ireland in F, Purcell in C; 6.30 Choral E, Batten fourth service, Omnes de Saba (Lassus), Canon John Oates.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Missa de Ecclesia Christi (Howard), Tantum ergo (Faure), Piece Symphonique (Franck), Fr Kit Cunningham.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Blake in D, The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Messa di gloria (Puccini), There shall a star (Mendelssohn), Rev Bill Wilson; 6 Choral E, Blair in B minor, Their sound is gone out (Handel), Rev Graham Buckle.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa de Angelis, Videntes Stellam (Poulenc), Rev Gerald Beauchamp; 6.30 E, Rev Derek Watson.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Kodaly), Ante luciferum genitus (Handl), Rev Philip Chester.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rev Bernhard Schunemann; 11.30 *Visitors to London S, The Vicar*; 2.45 Chinese S, Rev Joyce Bennett; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, The Vicar.
ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Rev John Ovenden; 6 E & Taize S.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: *8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S* Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Rev Fr Alan Chidwick.
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Gibbons Short Service, Ab Oriente Venerunt Magi (Handl), Rev Dr Richard Camp.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Here is the little door (Howells), Canon KS Pound.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Collegium Regale (Howells); 3.30 E, Worcester Service (Howells).
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Stanford in C, The Chaplain.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Gray in G, Ireland in C, Organ - Fantasia in C minor (5 part) (Bach), The Master.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, The Lord hath manifested forth his glory (Thalben Ball), Prelude and Fugue (Bach), Rev Adrian Pollard; 12 HC.

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BIRTHS

BENNETT - On January 5th Laura was born to Charlotte (née Massey) and John, sister for William and Hannah.

BIRD - On December 29th 1993, at the Fyfe Jamieson, Forfar, to Fiona (née Murray) and Stephen, a son, Alasdair Stephen Watkins, brother to Alexander, Tom and Olivia.

BIRD - On 27th November 1993, in Lausanne, to Catherine (née Maendly) and John, a son, Matthew Richard Glover.

CRANMER-BROWN - On 8th January, to Sarah (née Keeper) and Michael, a son, Alexander John, a brother for Maxim.

DICKINSON - On January 11th, to Alexandra (née Rigby) and Patrick, a beautiful daughter, Poppy Katharine, a sister for Chloe.

FENNER - On 12th January, to Maryline (née Lefort) and Graham, a son, Charles-Etienne Robert Louis, a brother for Louise, James and Pierre-Antoine.

FOOT - On 30th December 1993, to Sarah and Nigel, a daughter, Catherine Sarah, a sister for Emma and Andrew.

HAMMOND - To Adrian and Antonia (née Barnes) at Wexham Park Hospital, near Slough, on January 8th 1994, a son, George Richard Henry. Many thanks to all staff.

HUCKIN - On January 12th 1994, to Tom and Kate, a son, Joshua, a brother for Robert and Jessica.

HUDSON - On January 7th, to Charles and Cressida, at Wick Manor, a brother, Gabriel, for Violet and Nell.

KELLY - On 9th January 1994 to Siobhán (née O'Sullivan) and Stephen, a daughter, Hannah Kate. Deo Gratias.

MELLETT - On January 11th, to Elizabeth (née Hayes) and Ian, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth.

O'RIORDAN - On Thursday January 13th 1994, to Jane (née Hamerton) and John, a son, James Michael Daniel, a brother for Isabel.

PEET - On 9th January to Sara and John, a daughter, Elizabeth Mary, a sister for Michael.

QUESNEL - On January 6th, to Philippa (née Le Neve Foster) and Jonathan, twin daughters, Lucinda and Thomasina, sisters for Olivia.

SHERLOCK - On 11th January 1994, at Stirling Royal Infirmary, to Sarah (née Howard) and Charles, a son, Francis Alexander Howard, a brother for Patrick.

THOM - On January 12th, to Judith and Alastair, a daughter, Imogen, a sister for Katy, Mark and Joanna.

TREBLE - On January 10th, to Sarah (née Bateson) and Nick, a son, Henry James.

BIRTHS

WISEMAN - Neil and Araceli, their first daughter, Alexandra Jasmine Nathalie, in Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, 21st December 1993.

DEATHS

BARKER - On 12th January 1994, in her 99th year, Evelyn Dorothy Barker, wife of the late George Henry Barker, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Burial to be at Markyate, Hertfordshire.

BEVAN - On 13th January 1994, Morier Geoffrey Bosanquet, peacefully, aged 94, much loved father of Hugo and Julian and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at All Saints Church, Elton, near Peterborough, at 12 noon on Thursday 20th January. Enquiries to Crowsons, tel: (0832) 272279.

BOWMAN - On 8th January 1994, suddenly in Winchester, Joanne E., beloved mother of Frankie and Cristianne. Service at Southampton Crematorium on Monday 17th January at 1.30 pm. Donations to Brook Hospital for Animals c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

BURLEY - On January 11th 1994, peacefully at home, Leslie James, aged 79 years, of Watersfield. Much loved brother and stepfather. Funeral Service on Wednesday 19th January at Worthing Crematorium 1pm. No flowers please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to the Friends of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Street, Storrington, Sussex RH20 4DZ.

COLE - On January 8th peacefully in hospital, Professor Monica Mary Cole aged 71 years. Funeral Service on Tuesday 25th January at St Mary's Church Wimbledon at 10.30 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations if desired. Enquiries to Fredk. W Paine. (081) 946-1974.

DUCKETT - On 13th January 1994, peacefully in Battle Hospital, Reading, Marjorie, dearly loved wife of Dickie and very loving and much loved mother of Richard and John and grandmother of James and George. Funeral at 11 am on Tuesday 18th January at St Mary's Church, Streatley. Flowers welcome, but if desired donations to Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed. Enquiries to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, 36 Eldon Road, Reading. tel: (0734) 573580.

DEATHS

ELLIN - Jill, of Balnald House, Kirkmichael, Perthshire, at Perth Royal Infirmary on 13th January 1994. Dearly loved wife of Duncan, mother of Catherine, Sandy and Julian and daughter of Walter Oxley. Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's, Ballintuim, at 2 pm on 18th January with burial to follow at Kirkmichael (Sillerburn) Cemetery. All friends welcome. Funeral Directors: David Scott, Castle Street, Blairgowrie.

FERGUSON - Shirley Marguerite, at Perth, Western Australia, on 12th January 1994, suddenly but peacefully and without pain after a five year battle with cancer. Shirley Marguerite, greatly loved wife of Angus, mother of Mark, grandmother of Tara and Simon and stepmother of Gregor and Mary. A larger than life character, never to be surpassed.

FOSTER - Passed away on 11th January 1994 at home, Dr. Richard Gregory Foster. Beloved husband of Ingrid and dear father of Stefan, Henrik and Max. Sadly missed by both the Foster and Wennberg families. Funeral at Avebury Church, Wiltshire, on Tuesday 18th January 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations for British Diabetic Association/Stroke Association, c/o T. Free and Sons, The Parade, Marlborough. tel: (0672) 512110. Memorial Service to be arranged.

GORE - Tessa. See Funeral Arrangements.

HALL - On Sunday 9th January, suddenly at Biddestone, Wiltshire, John Denis. Much loved husband of Sheila and father of Celia and Rupert. Funeral 2 pm on Tuesday 18th January at Biddestone Church. Donations to Wiltshire Blind Association c/o F.W. Jones & Son, 30 Market Place, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3HP.

LONGCROFT - On January 13th 1994, peacefully at home, after a long and very courageous fight, James George Stoddart, aged 64 years, adored husband of Anita and beloved father of Dominic, Juliet, Christopher, Nicholas, Charles and James and beloved stepfather of Andrew. Private funeral service and burial at sea. Family flowers only. Memorial Service to be announced. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3.

MORTON - Nicol. Dearest husband of Emma Sturdy-Morton, beloved father of Alison and Julian and proud grandfather of James, Sophie, Charles and Arabella. Died peacefully 3rd January 1994.

DEATHS

PINDER-DAVIS - On Wednesday January 12th, peacefully in her sleep, Joyce Eveline, in her hundredth year. Daughter of the late Janet and Edward. Cremation on Wednesday January 19th at Golders Green Crematorium at 2.45 pm. No flowers by request but donations may be made to the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund c/o H.J. Bent & Company, Funeral Directors, 343 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 6HA.

SANSBURY - Ethelreda, peacefully at home on January 13th. Beloved wife of the late Bishop Kenneth Sansbury and mother of Christopher, Audrey and Helen. Requiem Eucharist at Norwich Cathedral on Saturday January 22nd at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Christian Aid c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

GORE - Tessa. Funeral planned for 21st January postponed. Please contact Cyril H. Lovegrove (Funeral Directors) for further details on new date, tel: (0344) 421949.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

YALLOP - There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of John Yallop at St Paul's Church, Honiton, on Wednesday January 26th at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BEVAN - Stephen. Loving son, brother and father. Always in our thoughts 15/1/80, aged 26.

HARGREAVES - Mary A.R.R.C. (V.A.D. Sherborne) died January 16th 1992. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. Harold. Lytham St Annes.

MATURIN - B.F.H. (23.12.03 - 16.01.89) in loving memory.

NOVELLO - Ivor. Remembered on his birthday and every day.

BIRTHDAYS

L.J.F. Happy Birthday! It's going to be a great year. All my love. E.J.M. XXXXXXXXXXX

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

BARNADO, ALAN THOMAS of 2640 Melville Drive, San Marino, California 91108, USA and 4 Lowndes Street, London SW1 died on 6th June 1993; Particulars to ROWE & MAW Solicitors of 20 Blackfriars Lane, London EC4V 6HD (Ref: 213/23/06331/3) before 16th March 1994.

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BRODERICK, MARGARET of 20 Mimosa, 29 Avenue Road, London N15 died on 19th May 1993; Particulars to AMERY-PARKES Solicitors of LAW COURTS CHAMBERS, 33 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EN before 16th March 1994.

GREEN DIANE late of 17 Waylands, Frome, Somerset Died 2nd October 1993; Particulars to Middleton & Upsall, 2 North Parade, Frome, Somerset BA11 1AT before 16th March 1994.

Re: JOHN BINGHAM MORTON DECEASED Pursuant to The Trustee Act 1925
Notice is hereby given that any person having a claim of an interest in the Estate of JOHN BINGHAM MORTON late of Brinmar Nursing Home, 27 St Botolphs Road, Worthing, West Sussex who died on the 10th day of May 1979, and letters of administration to whose Estate were granted by the Principal Registry of the Family Division on the 11th day of June 1992 to DIONE ROSALEON MAEVE PARKER, is required to send written particulars to the undersigned Nelsons Solicitors by 16th March 1994 after which date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which she shall then have had notice.
Dated the 20th day of December 1993
Messrs Nelsons 7/8 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2UA
Solicitors for the said Administrator

RE: Mr. ERIC LOBB Deceased
TRUSTEE ACT 1925
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DATED this 10th day of January 1994
O'ROURKE JAMES SCOURFIELD & McCARTHY, Solicitors, 20/30 Baker Street, Middlesbrough, TS1 2LJ
(REF: DOD.TABLE LOBB (YD)

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SPICE, BERNARD RICHARD of 90 Moncrieff Street, London SE15 died on 31st October 1993; Particulars to HEPBURNS Solicitors of Blenheim House, Blenheim Grove, Peckham, London SE15 4QX before 16th March 1994.

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OBITUARIES

GROUP CAPTAIN RICHARD McMURTRIE

Group Captain Richard McMurtrie, DSO, DFC, wartime bomber and maritime reconnaissance pilot, died on January 3 aged 84. He was born at Whitley Bay, Northumberland, on February 14, 1909.



IN A colourful and varied career in the armed forces Dick McMurtrie was associated with all three services at various times. He began life in the Army and then had a distinguished career with the RAF during which he conducted aircraft carrier deck landing trials for the Royal Navy. He may rank among the early Short Take-off and Landing (STOL) experts and, among other things, was the first man to put an aircraft down on the remote and gale-blasted Shetland island of Foula.

From 1939 to 1941 he served with 269 Squadron in Coastal Command, which was afterwards to make its name when it encompassed the first-ever surrender of a U-boat to an aircraft. McMurtrie had relinquished command of the squadron in the previous month, but not before he had won a DSO and a DFC in some of the early hazardous attacks against German warships in Norwegian waters in the aftermath of the German invasion of the country.

Richard Angus McMurtrie was educated at Newcastle Royal Grammar School after which he was commissioned into the 72nd (Newcastle) Brigade, Royal Artillery, TA, in 1927. But a couple of years later he joined the RAF and after qualifying as a pilot joined an army co-operation squadron. The short take-off and landing requirements of this sort of flying made him a natural candidate to take part in the Royal Navy's landing trials on aircraft carriers which took place on the converted First World War cruiser HMS *Furious* in 1932; the Navy had, at that time, no official flying arm of its own as the First World War RNAS had been absorbed into the RAF in 1918.

McMurtrie next took a flying boat course and was, for the three years, 1935-38, a flight commander in No 201 Squadron. In August 1938 he led his squadron out to salute the liner *Queen Mary* with dipped wings as she steamed triumphantly past the Bishop Rock lighthouse off the Isles of Scilly, having just recaptured the Blue Riband for her record-breaking transatlantic crossing from the Ambrose lightship, outside New York harbour.

At the outbreak of the Second World War McMurtrie was commanding a recruit training depot, but he was soon posted to No 269 reconnaissance and bombing squadron which kept watch on enemy naval activity in the North and Norwegian seas from bases in Scotland. With the surprise German seizure of Norway under the nose of the Royal Navy in April 1940 No 269's operations acquired a new degree of urgency. Mercifully, by that time its obsolescent Avro Ansons had been replaced with the American Lockheed Hudson. Originally an airliner, the Hudson had been developed as a bomber at the specific request of the RAF and gave Coastal Command a robust and well-armed aircraft which provided its crew with a degree of comfort on long, icy maritime patrols that was unheard of in contemporary British designs.

No 269's task was now to attack German naval forces which had achieved a success in Norway that was out of all proportion to their strength. Nevertheless the *Kriegsmarine* still had some menacing heavy ships in Norwegian waters. In June 1940 McMurtrie won his DFC for an attack on the battlecruiser *Scharnhorst*. But although this was pressed home with great courage in the teeth of heavy flak and hits were observed, the German ship lived on to become a thorn in the Royal Navy's side for many a long day.



Night raid over Norway: an artist's impression of the Hudsons of 269 Squadron, led by Richard McMurtrie, left, in action over the Oslo-Bergen railway line

McMurtrie, by then a wing commander, took command of the squadron in August 1940 and in December of that year led a series of sustained raids — improbably codenamed "Operation Youth and Beauty" — aimed at cutting the Oslo-Bergen railway line and wrecking quarters housing German troops and repair workers. On one of these, after locating and bombing an objective trickily situated in the bottom of a deep valley between high mountains, he remained over the target area with his lights on, to provide a bomb release point for the other aircraft, in spite of the fact that he was thus making himself an easy target for anti-aircraft gunners. For his inspiring leadership on these raids he was awarded his DSO; in addition he was mentioned in dispatches three times during this period.

After a spell on the staff of 18 Group, McMurtrie went to command the RAF station at Sumburgh on the southern tip of Shetland. While there he was asked to visit the tiny island of Foula, 26 miles west of the main group of Shetland islands, to assess the possibility of supplying its beleaguered community with medical aid by air at a time when sea transport was always vulnerable to attack from enemy submarines. After an exploratory trip by high speed RAF launch he put down in a Tiger Moth on the only possible landing site — a bumpy 200-yard long ridge with a vertical drop of 100-feet into the sea at either end. On take-off, however, the aircraft tipped onto its nose and one end of its propeller broke off.

Not wishing to spend a prolonged sojourn on the island while he waited to be taken off by boat, McMurtrie borrowed a peat cutting spade from one of the crofters and hacked the splintered end of the airscrew off clean. With this implement he then removed a similar length from the other end of the propeller blade. After taxiing to test the likely stability of this new, abbreviated arrangement he took off in the Tiger Moth and made his way back to Sumburgh — somewhat gingerly to avoid placing his shortened propeller under too much strain.

Among his further wartime appointments was command of the transport station, RAF Stoney Cross, in Hampshire. In the postwar period he also commanded at Cardington, Bedfordshire, home of the RAF balloon unit, and had several staff jobs, retiring from the RAF in 1959 after a final posting at Headquarters Coastal Command, at Northwood, Middlesex.

In retirement at Constantine in Cornwall he farmed, was an enthusiastic private pilot and enjoyed sailing his sloop *Contessa of Kurnow* from her berth in the Helford River.

McMurtrie was married first, in 1931, to Gwenyth Mary Philpott, who died in 1958. In 1963 he married his second wife Laura who survives him with his two stepsons and a stepdaughter.

MADGE RYAN

Madge Ryan, stage, film and television actress, died in London on January 9 aged 75. She was born in Townsville, Queensland, Australia, on January 8, 1919.

FROM the sunlit sea and tropical heat of northern Queensland to a London bedsit in winter so cramped that she could reach out and turn on the oven with her bare toe from the bath, was a culture shock Madge Ryan always humorously alluded to. Yet, though she missed her native land she knew there was no turning back once the spell of London's theatre had her in thrall.

It was a transition which owed much to Laurence Olivier who saw her as Pearl in the play *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* in Sydney in 1956 and wanted her to play the part in London. So in the following year she came to Britain which, apart from tours abroad, she made her home for the rest of her life. Her versatile talent enabled her to range throughout the dramatic repertoire, where she was equally at home in tragedy or comedy, traditional or contemporary fare. She effortlessly made the transition to television while continuing busy on the stage, and had minor roles in a few films.

Madge Ryan was the daughter of a prosperous businessman and a music teacher. Educated at St Patrick's College, Townsville, she began her theatre career on the amateur stage, taking her first professional role as Birdie in *The Little Foxes* at the Independent Theatre, North Sydney, in November 1945. Roles in the classics followed at the National Theatre, Sydney, over the next ten years before she was spotted by Olivier and came to London. Her West End debut, at the New Theatre, was in April 1957 and in the following year she played the role of Pearl in New York.

Among her most striking characterisations on the London stage over the next few years was her 1964 creation of the role of Kath in the original New Arts Theatre Club production of Joe Orton's *Entertaining Mr Sloane*. The transfer of this production to Wyndham's gave formal recognition to the dramatist's revolutionary qualities. Another milestone role for Madge Ryan was the title role in *Mother Courage* for the National Theatre at the Old Vic in 1965. She subsequently toured in that production to Berlin and Moscow.

More recent work had included Anouilh's *Ring Around the Moon* at Chichester and the Nurse in the current production of *Medea* with Diana Rigg, which she continued playing until the onset of illness last November.

Her work took her back to Australia often enough to prevent her from becoming homesick. Besides taking the very successful production of *Aren't We All?* (starring Rex Harrison and Claude Colbert) on a tour there, she also featured in the Australian television series *Hill's End*. Other television work included her playing the title role in the BBC TV comedy series *Say Goodnight to Grandma* and she also featured in an episode of BBC television's long-running hospital drama *Casualty*.

Her marriage to an Australian banker was dissolved. She is survived by her daughter, the actress Lyn Ashley.



SAM STAYMAN



Sam Stayman, bridge champion and theorist, has died in Palm Beach, Florida, aged 84. He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1909.

SAM STAYMAN gave his name to the world's most frequently used bidding convention. In fact, the convention that was to become known by the single word "Stayman" was conceived independently in different countries by men other than Stayman. But neither George Rapee, who first suggested it in 1944 in New York, nor Jack Marx, who conceived it in London in 1939, ever became linked in the public mind with the Two Club response to One No Trump. Stayman always gave Rapee credit for inventing the bid, but the world chose to name the convention after the propagator rather than the instigator.

In Britain, Jack Marx, one of the inventors of the Acol system, had almost precisely the same idea in July 1939 and circulated it privately. But war came and he did not go into print until *The Contract Bridge Journal* reappeared in 1946. Another Briton, Ewart Kempson, had used a similar method earlier still, but without codifying it.

In the early days of contract bridge, players often found difficulty in identifying a trump suit in spades or hearts after an opening bid of One No Trump. In 1944, Rapee, who was Stayman's bridge partner, proposed the use of Two Clubs as a conventional response to One No Trump. The One No Trump bidder would then call hearts or spades if he had four cards in the suit and would bid Two Diamonds if he had not. Stayman liked the idea and the pair began to use the Two Club bid in championship play, achieving good results.

A year later Stayman submitted an article on the new convention to Ely Culbertson's magazine, *The Bridge World*. Culbertson published it but declined to endorse the convention as part of his system, which was played by 90 per cent of the world's bridge players.

The public, however, found against Culbertson. The tide flowed irresistibly and in a few years the new convention was a part of almost every bidding system.

Stayman was a member of the United States team that won the first three world bridge championships in the 1950s. He was regarded as the theorist of the group and wrote several books on bidding. His successes in North American championships with a variety of partners were numerous.

Samuel M. Stayman was educated at Dartmouth College and then at business school. Soon he acquired a woollen mill in Rhode Island and made his fortune. Later, he made another in portfolio management.

For many years he energetically supported his wife "Tubby" as an indefatigable organiser of charity bridge tournaments.

Stayman had an ebullient personality that tended to breed many stories about him. However, he will be commemorated in the real, if adventitious, name of the convention for as long as contract bridge is played.

He is survived by his wife and their four children.

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ANTHONY RAMPTON

Anthony Rampton, former chairman of Freemans mail order company and a campaigner for the rights of ethnic minorities, died in Richmond, Surrey, on December 30 aged 78. He was born on October 24, 1915.



AN ACTIVE concern for the rights of adopted children and ethnic minorities might not seem an obvious quality in a successful head of a London mail order business. But Tony Rampton's Methodist background and the location of the family firm's headquarters in Brixton endowed him with a determination to do something about those less fortunate than himself. From early on in his working life he could not help being struck by the contrast between his lot and that of others. This was reinforced as he made his way daily from his home in the opulent Georgian village of Petersham, just outside Richmond on one of the loveliest stretches of the Thames, to his work in the family factory on the edge of Brixton.

His first social concern was the adoption and fostering of children. The postwar influx of West Indians to Britain and the development of Brixton as a predominantly immigrant area gave a fresh impetus to his instincts and led to his chairmanship of what became known as the Rampton committee.

Anthony Rampton was born into a Methodist family which ran Freemans, founded by his grandfather. He was educated at Harrow and Queen's College, Oxford. Thereafter he joined the family firm of which he subsequently became managing director, chairman and president.

Rampton became interested in the plight of adopted and fostered children soon after the Second World War. He felt that there were far too many different agencies in the field and with his wife Joan he worked to bring them together, creating in the process the Standing Conference for Societies Registered for Adoption. The Adoption Act of 1958 and the Children's Act of 1975 were the direct results of his work.

From the 1950s onwards thousands of West Indian immigrants began arriving in London. Rampton worked hard to try to ensure that they had proper housing, fair employment opportunities and education for their children. He was treasurer of the Lambeth Community Relations Council.

His work impressed Shirley Williams, from 1976 Secretary of State for Education and Science, and in 1979 she appointed him chairman of the Committee of Enquiry into the Education of Children from Ethnic Minority Groups. This all-party, multi-racial committee soon became known simply as the Rampton Committee. Its remit was a minefield. Certain aspects of its work, such as why children of West Indian origin did so badly at school, were difficult to address without giving offence to the very people Rampton wanted to help. His job was made more difficult by the fact that the Labour Government which had appointed him was almost immediately turned out of office by the electorate and replaced by a Conservative Administration of a very different kidney.

The Rampton Committee produced an interim report in May 1981 which was variously hailed as being "one of the postwar classics of its subject" and "weak and inconsistent". Its assertion that racism, negative teacher attitudes and an inappropriate curriculum were major factors in the poor performance of West Indian children certainly did not recommend it to Rampton's new masters at the Department of Education and Science and he was promptly dismissed. Several leading members of the committee resigned with him.

Deeply wounded though he was by his treatment, Rampton did not give up on his work for ethnic minorities. He continued his support through the Hilden Trust which he and his wife had set up in 1963.

In retirement from Freemans after 1984 Rampton was able to indulge his twin passions of painting and photography. He was an accomplished artist and over the past forty years had produced more than 300 paintings. Fly-fishing in the rushing sea trout streams of Arran or the more tranquil waters of the Wiltshire Avon and the Hampshire Itchen was another pastime he pursued with a philosophic enthusiasm of which Izaak Walton would surely have approved.

His wife Joan, three sons and a daughter survive him.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Molière, playwright, Paris, 1622; Louis de Rouvroy, Duc de St-Simon, diarist, Paris, 1675; William Prout, chemist, Horton, Gloucestershire, 1785; Franz Grillparzer, dramatist, Vienna, 1791; Thomas Crofton Croker, Irish folklorist, Cork, 1798; Pierre Proudhon, socialist, Besançon, France, 1809; Mihail Eminescu, poet, Ipotesti, Romania, 1850; Lewis Terman, pioneer of IQ tests, Indiana, 1877; Mazo De La Roche, novelist, Ontario, 1885; Aristotle Onassis, shipping magnate, Smyrna, Turkey, 1906; Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egyptian President 1956-70, Alexandria, 1918; Martin Luther King, Atlanta, Georgia, 1929.

DEATHS: Paolo Sarpi, Venetian patriot and church reformer, Venice, 1623; Emma, Lady Hamilton, former mistress of Lord Nelson, Calais, 1815; Fanny Kemble, actress, London, 1893; Matthew Brady, American civil war photographer, New York, 1896; Sean MacBride, Irish statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1974, Dublin, 1988.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Richard Savage, poet, London, 1697; Hester Piozzi, writer, Bodvel, Caernarvonshire, 1741; Sir Ian Hamilton, general, Corfu, 1853; Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, actor-manager, London, 1853; André Michelin, pioneer of mass production of motor tyres, Paris, 1853; Edward Gordon Craig, stage director, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, 1872; Robert Service, poet, Preston, 1874; Fulgencio Batista y Zaldivar, dictator of Cuba 1933-49 and 1952-59, Oriente Province, Cuba, 1901; Ethel Merman, singer, New York, 1909.

DEATHS: Edward Gibbon, historian, London, 1794; Sir John Moore, 1809; Léo Delibes, composer, Paris, 1891; Arnold Bocklin, painter, Fiesole, Italy, 1901; Arturo Toscanini, conductor, New York, 1957; Robert Van de Graaff, physicist, Boston, Massachusetts, 1967; A.J. Cronin, novelist, Switzerland, 1981.

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Equitable hire-purchase relief

Transag Haulage Ltd (in administrative receivership) v Leyland Daf Finance plc and Another

Before Mr Justice Knox

[Judgment January 13]

Although the court had no jurisdiction to grant relief from forfeiture of merely contractual rights, it had equitable jurisdiction to relieve against forfeiture of proprietary rights, such as those of hirers of goods under hire-purchase agreements.

It would be inclined to do so where (i) the hirer had been guilty of no default in payment and (ii) to grant relief would cause no financial loss to the owner and (iii) to refuse relief would give the owner a substantial windfall profit and cause the hirer a disproportionate loss.

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division, on a writ issued on December 17, 1993 by the plaintiff company, Transag Haulage Ltd, in relation to three hire-purchase contracts between it and the first defendant, Leyland Daf Finance plc, the benefit of which had been assigned to the second defendant, Lease Plan UK Ltd.

Mrs Helen Galley for the plaintiff; Mr Brian Doctor for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that by contracts dated January 4, March 28 and May 30, 1991 the plaintiff had taken on hire-purchase from the first defendant three Leyland vehicles at an aggregate cash price of £177,333.75, of which £36,000 per vehicle remained to be paid, at £1,000 a month, over three years.

Instalments had been punctually paid when, on November 23, 1993 a bank had appointed administrative receivers of Transag in respect of indebtedness in the region of £550,000. Transag had a fleet of 12 vehicles which it used to fulfil four contracts for transportation of goods.

Its receivers, hoping to be able to sell it as a going concern, in which event they valued the vehicles at £72,500, had on December 6 sent to the defendants' solicitors a cheque drawn on Arthur Andersen's floating account for £14,015, the full amount of instalments remaining to be paid. That cheque was neither cashed nor returned.

On December 14, the defendants' solicitors had written requiring the vehicles' return within 48 hours. The plaintiff's writ and ex parte application for an interlocutory injunction had followed. The parties had sensibly limited costs by agreeing that the hearing of the inter partes motion for that injunction should be treated as the trial of the plaintiff's claim for relief from forfeiture of each of the three agreements, without any further pleadings.

Whether the court had jurisdiction to relieve the hirer under a hire-purchase agreement from forfeiture of that agreement was remarkably free of authority.

Mrs Galley had cited *Snell's Equity* (29th edition (1990) pp541-2) in support of jurisdiction being available in appropriate cases and it was clear from *BICC plc v Burndy Corporation* ([1985] Ch 232) that although relief from forfeiture was only available in respect of proprietary or possessory rights, relief was not confined to such rights in land.

The plaintiff's rights in this case were clearly proprietary. But were these appropriate cases for the jurisdiction to be exercised?

In *Goker v NWS Bank plc* (*The Times* May 23, 1990) Sir Gervase Sheldon had declined to grant relief to the hirer of a motor car, on the ground that it should be granted only in exceptional circumstances in which the court was satisfied that no significant prejudice would result to the lender, and although his decision would result in the defendants making an unexpected windfall of not less than about £10,000 if in addition to retaining the sums already paid and payable to them by the plaintiff they were able to dispose of the vehicle and retain the proceeds.

Further, it seemed clear to his Lordship that the second paragraph of Transag's writ, in which it claimed a declaration that a clause making the appointment of a receiver an "event of default" of the contract in each of the agreements constituted a penalty and was void, was ill-founded.

On the other hand it seemed to his Lordship that certain factors in the present case weighed in favour of the grant of relief:

First, unlike the plaintiff in the *Goker* case, Transag had never been in default in making any payment.

Second, to grant relief would cause the hirers no material hardship; indeed, they would benefit by early receipt of the remaining instalments. In the case of the first agreement, receivership had come about six weeks before its end.

Third, a substantial windfall of about £53,000 would accrue to the owners if relief were to be denied, proportionately higher than the *Goker* windfall.

Finally, there was the disproportionate loss which the plaintiff would suffer in its business, should its profit-earning contracts be disrupted by the loss of a quarter of its vehicles.

For all those reasons, this appeared to be one of those no doubt exceptional cases in which it was proper to accede to paragraph 1 of the plaintiff's writ and relieve it from forfeiture of the three hire-purchase agreements it had made with the first defendant.

However, on an analogy with the position in the law of landlord and tenant, the plaintiff had to pay the defendants' costs of defending the action.

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■ Right-wing ministers were in retreat in the back-to-basics *battle after a tough private* warning from John Major.

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■ Kenneth Clarke's pay packet shows that he is paying more in tax under the Conservatives, confirming a survey by *The Times* this week which he described as "piffle". The survey showed that an average family will pay far more tax and national insurance from April 6 than in the last year of Labour government. ..... **Pages 1, 2, 15**

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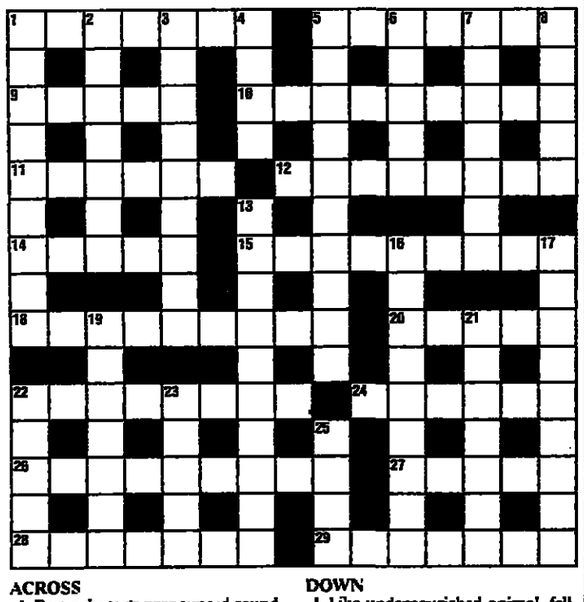
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ACROSS

1 Poet a doctor's pronounced sound (7).
5 Yearning to find origin of truth in fortune-telling (7).
9 Takes out attractive people (5).
10 Libel you almost 'ad settled in court (3,6).
11 Destroy Tommy's home? Not quite (6).
12 Turner's equipment and pigment flogged (8).
14 Demoralize international soldier (5).
15 Missing editor? That's not true! (9).
18 Is spread out and left after this? (9).
20 Interest taken by rook in bird of prey (5).
22 Defend capital with reserve force within (8).
24 Persuasive discussion of hypothetical case received in silence! (6).
26 The point of this fastener may not be obvious (6-3).
27 Card trick's performer (5).
28 Shilling a former one got, joining monarch (7).
29 Badly eroding estuary in France (7).

DOWN

1 Like undernourished animal, fell over jump (9).
2 Element that's acceptable in society, in short (7).
3 Mechanics involved in accident (9).
4 Sort of vote acceptable in a recess (4).
5 Crocodile isn't in this Asian set of data (6,4).
6 Fold linen (5).
7 Bill's stupid and ruddy bad-mannered (3-4).
8 Sent up someone to help climbers, say (5).
13 Fish found in ooze with second fish (10).
16 So-called lexicographer stars in group (4,5).
17 Jet support can be unknown quantity (4,5).
19 Erring about the King's capacity for drink (7).
21 Error hooker might make in innings with cricket side (5-2).
22 Artistic old woman shakes French art (5).
23 All the players appearing on the score-sheet (5).
25 Well fitted for Shakespearean role (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,434

T	H	A	N	K	F	U	L	P		T		V		
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Shoeburyness, Essex, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highlands, 04C (39F); highest rainfall: Tree Hazeldrs 0.72in; highest sunshine: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear 5.9hr

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: E F Aldworth, Withington Court, Abingdon, Oxon; A W Atkins, Leeds, Maidstone; E Foster, Vale Rd, Bushey, Herts; A E Hickinbotham, Swanage, Dorset; D A Jenkins, Carlton, Beds.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be mostly cloudy with rain at times, although the North of England should stay mainly dry and bright. The rain may turn to sleet or snow, more especially over hills. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and showers, the showers frequent and wintry in the north. Temperatures generally will be near normal.

☐ **Greater London, South East and Central South England:** Cloudy, rain at times, perhaps sleet later. Wind SE, moderate. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **East Anglia, E and W Midlands, South and North Wales:** Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, turning to sleet or snow in places later. Wind variable, becoming easterly or northeasterly, mainly moderate. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Channel Islands, SW England:** Outbreaks of rain; some drier, brighter intervals. Wind variable, light at first, perhaps increasing to strong later and becoming northerly. Max 9C (48F).

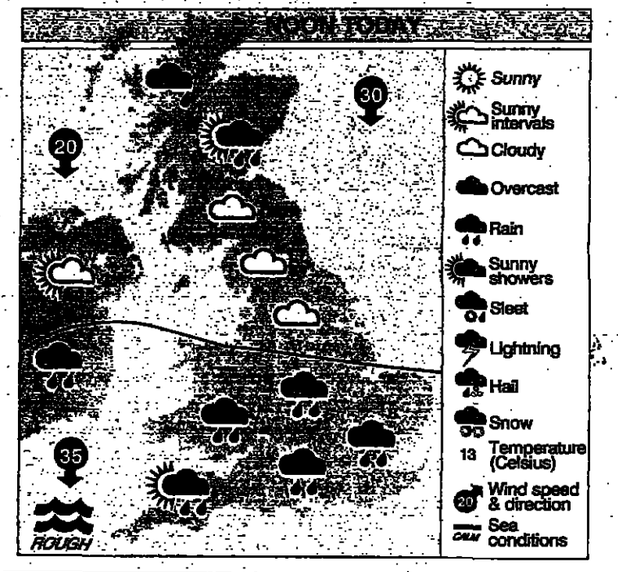
☐ **East, NorthWest and Central N England:** Bright or clear intervals, perhaps rain or snow in the South for a while. Wind variable, light, becoming N or NE, moderate. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, North-East England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, South West Scotland, Glasgow Area, Argyll & Northern Ireland:** Clear or sunny spells, scattered showers, wintry over hills, later. Wind northerly, moderate or fresh. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Central Highlands, North West Scotland, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney and Shetland: Isles:** Sunny or clear intervals, frequent showers of sleet, snow or hail. Wind northerly, fresh or strong. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Outlook:** Sun and wintry showers tomorrow followed by rain, and perhaps snow, on Monday.

SOON TODAY



DAYTIME & ABROAD

MIDDAY. t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; d=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright. (X = not available)

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	7	45	b	14	57	s	Lowestoft	10	50	s	S Frisco	11	52	f
Ajaccio	15	59	s	11	52	r	Luxembg	9	48	f	S Paulo	19	66	r
Alicatti	19	66	s	8	46	sh	Luxor	22	72	c	Salzburg	9	48	c
Alex'dria	20	68	f	5	41	r	Madrid	8	46	c	Sandown	11	52	s
Algiers	20	68	s	11	52	h	Majorca	15	59	s	Santiago	33	91	s
Amst'dm	10	50	s	11	52	sh	Malaga	18	64	s	Saumln Snd	11	52	s
Anglesey	9	48	s	6	43	s	Malta	15	59	f	Scarboro'	9	48	s
Aspatria	6	46	sh	9	48	s	Manchester	10	50	s	Scilly Isles	10	50	sh
Athens	16	61	f	11	52	sh	Margate	11	52	s	Seoul	3	37	f
Aviemore	4	39	sl	10	50	f	Melb'rne	19	66	c	Shanklin	11	52	sh
B Aires	28	82	s	19	66	s	Mexico C	18	64	s	Sing'por	27	81	c
Bahrain	23	73	s	10	50	f	Miami	27	81	f	Skegness	10	50	sh
Bangkok	32	90	f	16	61	s	Milan	9	48	s	Southend	X		
Barbados	27	31	c	8	46	sh	Minehead	X			Southport	9	48	s
Barcelona	15	59	s	12	54	c	Montreal	-7	19	s	Southsea	11	52	c
Beirut	19	66	s	10	50	sh	Morecambe	9	48	r	St'kholm	5	41	c
Belfast	7	45	h	X			Moscow	-6	18	sn	Stornoway	7	45	sh
Belgrade	9	48	f	1	34	sl	Munich	15	59	f	Strasb'rg	10	50	r
Berlin	10	50	c	Herne Bay	11	52	:	N Delhi	15	59	fg	Swanage	11	52	s
Bermuda	20	68	r	Hong K	19	66	f	N York	4	39	c	Sydney	29	84	c
Biarritz	17	63	s	Hove	11	52	sh	Nairobi	27	81	s	Tangier	17	63	s
Birmingham	10	50	f	Hunstanton	9	48	sh	Naples	15	59	s	Teignmouth	11	52	sh
Blackpool	8	46	f	Innsbruck	8	46	f	Newcastle	9	48	sh	Tel Aviv	X		
Bognor R	11	52	sh	Inverness	6	43	s	Newquay	X			Tenby	X		
Borde'x	15	59	f	Isle of Man	X			Nice	14	57	s	Tenerife	22	72	s
Boumem'th	12	54	sh	Istanbul	8	46	f	Norwich	11	52	s	Tiree	8	46	h
Bristol	7			Jeddah	30	86	s	Nottingham	10	50	:	Tokyo	8	46	f
Brussels	10	50	f	Jersey	10	50	c	Oslo	0	32	c	Toronto	-3	27	f
Budapst	5	41	f	Jo'burg	21	70	f	Paris	11	52	f	Torquay	12	54	b
Buxton	7	45	sh	Karachi	26	79	s	Peking	-3	27	c	Tunis	16	61	f
Cairo	21	70	s	Kinloss	7	45	sh	Penzance	12	54	g	Tynemouth	9	48	sh
Cape Tn	19	64	c	L Angels	20	68	f	Perth	10	50	s	Valencia	17	63	s
Cardiff	11	52	h	L Palmas	22	72	s	Plymouth	10	50	s	Vanc'ver	10	50	c
Ch'church	20	68	s	Le Touqt	10	50	f	Poole	12	54	b	Venice	11	52	s
Chicago	-7	19	c	Leeds	10	50	s	Prague	11	52	r	Ventnor	11	52	b
Clacton	10	50	s	Lerwick	5	41	h	Reykjavik	3	37	f	Vienna	10	50	f
Cologne	11	52	s	Leuchars	X			Rhodes	17	63	s	Warsaw	7	45	r
Colwyn Bay	11	52	s	Lisbon	15	66	c	Rio de J	24	75	f	Washton	1	34	c
Corfu	17	63	s	Littlehmptn	11	52	sh	Riyadh	25	77	s	Wel'ngton	22	72	s
Cphagn	7	45	f	Liverpool	9	48	s	Rome	14	57	s	Weymouth	11	52	b
Cromer	10	50	s	Locarno	8	46	s	Ronaldsway	9	48	f	Wick	5	41	f
Dublin	8	46	s	London	12	54	f	Rose-o-wye	X			Zurich	13	55	f

These are Thursday's figures. X = figures not available

HOURS OF DARKNESS

	Sun rises:	Sun sets:		Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	8.00 am	4.21pm		7.59 am	4.22pm
	Moon sets	Moon rises		Moon sets	Moon rises
	8.53 pm	9.09 am		9.59 pm	9.29 am
TODAY	First quarter January 19		TOMORROW	First quarter January 19	

London 4.21 pm to 8.00 am
Bristol 4.31 pm to 8.09 am
Edinburgh 4.11 pm to 8.34 am
Manchester 4.20 pm to 8.17 am
Penzance 4.48 pm to 8.16 am

London 4.22 pm to 7.59 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 8.08 am
Edinburgh 4.13 pm to 8.33 am
Manchester 4.22 pm to 8.16 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 8.15 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.48	7.16	4.12	7.27	Liverpool	1.03	9.07	1.19	9.39
Aberdeen	3.23	4.15	5.23	4.34	Lowestoft	11.52	2.35	11.38	2.58
Avonmouth	9.18	13.19	9.34	12.77	Margate	1.48	4.76	2.23	4.64
Belfast	12.57	3.32	1.08	3.54	Milford Haven	8.16	7.00	8.39	6.64
Cardiff	9.03	12.19	9.19	11.82	Newquay	7.07	7.00	7.25	6.70
Devonport	7.48	5.50	8.06	5.10	Oban	7.37	4.10	7.45	3.80
Dover	12.48	6.67	1.07	6.37	Penzance	6.50	5.60	7.12	5.20
Falmouth	7.18	5.30	7.38	4.90	Portland	8.39	2.10	8.58	1.90
Glasgow	2.53	4.70	3.03	5.20	Portsmouth	1.16	4.70	1.24	4.60
Harwich	1.36	3.97	2.02	3.84	Shoreham	1.12	6.41	1.25	6.22
Holyhead	12.09	5.31	12.20	5.62	Southampton	12.49	4.50	12.54	4.36
Hull	6.24	7.05	6.27	7.63	Swansea	8.14	9.41	8.34	8.93
Ilfracombe	7.52	8.19	8.14	8.60	Tees	5.45	5.17	5.49	5.41
King's Lynn	8.33	6.30	8.30	6.70	Witon-on-Nze	1.28	4.17	1.55	4.13
Leith	4.39	5.38	4.52	5.47					

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SATURDAY JANUARY 15 1994

Lloyd's says £900m offer to names is non-negotiable

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London yesterday refused to suspend its £900 million settlement offer to loss-making Lloyd's names, sending a signal to action groups that behind-the-scene negotiations for changes are off.

The refusal came only days before members of the two most influential action groups, Gooda Walker Action Group and Feltrim Names Association, are due to vote on whether to accept the offer. The success of the Lloyd's offer largely rests in the hands of more than 3,000 litigating Gooda Walker names, who are to meet on Monday, and 1,700 Feltrim names, who meet on Friday. Under the settlement offer, litigating and non-litigating names on Gooda Walker syndicates have been offered £209.4 million and names on Feltrim syndicates have been offered £208.7 million. Lloyd's has said that more than 70 per cent of the value of the offer must be accepted for it to become unconditional.

Yesterday's announcement that it had decided to reject requests to suspend the offer marked the end of attempts by various action groups to persuade Lloyd's to raise the offer, to provide names with a cap on future losses and to delete the unpopular requirement that names give up their legal rights if they accept the offer.

As a result of the latter two issues, many names are expected to reject the offer. Peter Middleton, the Lloyd's chief executive, said: "We have been approached by some action group people to suspend the offer. The main reasons for the request are that names are said to need more time to understand the offer and that they want to negotiate changes to the offer."

However, Lloyd's decided that suspension would raise false hopes that the offer could be increased. "This is the final offer. It cannot be increased," said Mr Middleton. He said he and David Rowland, the Lloyd's chairman, were worried that names were unaware of the implications of rejecting the offer.

"It is not enough for Gooda Walker names to simply look at the fact that they have a court date set and they probably have a strong claim on liability," Mr Middleton said. "If they decide to reject the offer, then they are rejecting the offer due to them from their participations on other syndicates. So they have to look at the success and timing of those other actions."

He added that there was "not a chance" that Gooda Walker names would receive more from their Gooda Walker action alone than from the settlement offer.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker action group, dismissed this assertion, saying: "The indication is that a majority of Gooda Walker names are not on other syndicates and, when they are, the losses on the other syndicates tend to be lower. It is quite wrong to say everyone is on a whole row of other bad syndicates. A minority of names have vast losses spread over many syndicates and, in their case, the offer still leaves them ruined."

Mr Middleton stressed that if names chose the litigation route, the errors and omissions insurance cover that would be triggered by successful claims would "not be substantially more than the contribution made by the E&O underwriters". Nor would names have the benefit of a Lloyd's contribution. The E&O insurers have contributed £400 million towards the settlement offer.

Colin Hook, chairman of Feltrim Names Association, also criticised Mr Middleton's assertion. He said the offer document stated that there was between £850 million and £1.85 billion of cover that matched the claims.

BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

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Carsberg puts MMC check on game wars

BY NEIL BENNETT

■ Sega and Nintendo say the games market is extremely competitive but both have been referred to the MMC because consumers are unhappy about high prices

SEGA and Nintendo, the two leading Japanese computer game groups, yesterday attacked the Office of Fair Trading for referring the industry to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Sega said the games market was fair and extremely competitive, while Nintendo said the industry had just endured "the most fiercely competitive Christmas in history".

Sir Bryan Carsberg, the Director-General of the OFT, said yesterday that consumers are unhappy about the high prices they are paying for games and that "competition is not working as effectively as it might". But the two companies said the investigation comes just as prices of their games are coming under increasing pressure, with rivals, including Sony, entering the market with more advanced products.

Nick Alexander, the managing director of Sega Europe, said he was "surprised" at the MMC referral. "It is very distressing that this is coming at a time when the market is becoming more competitive," he added. Both companies issued profit warnings in Japan last November, and sales for both in Britain this Christmas are expected to be flat or even down. This week, Dixons, the electrical retailer, blamed poor Christmas sales on falling demand for computer games.

In addition, the main products from both Sega and Nintendo, which are based on 16-bit computers, will soon be thoroughly outclassed by 32-bit games consoles from companies like Sony, while Atari, an earlier pioneer in the games industry, has develop a 64-bit game.

Sega and Nintendo have often been accused of overcharging for games in Britain, which can be bought much cheaper in America or Hong Kong.

Sega has always defended its prices, saying that its margins have been squeezed by the rising yen and the increasing complexity of games. Yesterday, games were being sold in London at prices comparable to those in New York. Sonic the Hedgehog 2, from Sega, was on sale for £29.99 at Dixons, compared with $49 plus tax in a discount store in Manhattan. Super Mario 3 from Nintendo cost £39.99 and $54 plus tax.

The OFT has passed the investigation of the computer games industry to the MMC on three main counts. First, it wants the MMC to look into Sega and Nintendo's licensing arrangements. At present, independent software publishers are forced to pay a licence fee to either company, and buy the cartridges from them as well. In addition, both Sega and Nintendo insist on controlling the timing and volume of any release.

Independent companies have complained that this is anti-competitive, but Sega and Nintendo argue that they are trying to prevent the market becoming flooded with second-rate games.

The second area the OFT wants the MMC to examine is distribution. Smaller retailers complain that they are unable to get hold of the most popular games cartridges and that the large chain stores receive games first when demand is highest.

The companies reject this, saying that they have tried to put embargoes on game launches but that large retailers have been breaking them.

The third area that concerns the OFT is rental. Currently, any retailer that wants to rent games has to pay a £550 fee and then a £5 surcharge on each game it buys. But the companies claim the fee covers the cost of policing the industry, looking for pirate copies, while the surcharge compensates them for loss of sales.

The worldwide computer games market has grown from virtually nothing five years ago to £9 billion today, with sales of £750 million in Britain alone.

One household in three in Britain is thought to have some form of computer game console.

The market has stagnated in recent months, and while some analysts predict it will decline rapidly like other computer fads, others believes this is just a pause caused by the continued recession in continental Europe and that sales will grow again once a new generation of products is launched.



Sonic the Hedgehog: competing



Super Mario: mushrooming

No LWT denial on reports of US white knight

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

GRANADA'S hostile bid for LWT took an unexpected turn yesterday as speculation mounted that the London weekend broadcaster is in negotiations with a white knight to block the takeover.

The rumours coincided with the publication of another shareholder circular by LWT, which seeks to raise doubts about Granada's profits growth.

LWT is reported to be in talks with an American investor to take a stake in the ITV company, although any shareholding would be limited to 20 per cent by current regulations. This could hinder Granada's plans to take control as LWT's senior management, which has already firmly rejected the £700 million offer, holds a further 10 per cent. Granada currently has 20 per cent of LWT and has extended its offer of six shares for every five until January 26.

Sir Christopher Bland, LWT's chairman, flatly refused to comment on the reports. There have been no denials from any of LWT's advisers. Gerry Robinson, chief executive of Granada, said: "There is only one offer on the table. It is Granada's offer and its a generous one." Granada's shares fell 11p to 551p on fears that the latest developments would force it to sweeten its terms. LWT climbed 6p to 667p.

Analysts said the unknown US investor could be one of the American cable operators, adding that Warburg Pincus, the American investment group which holds 7 per cent of LWT and has a seat on the board, may also have a role.

One observer said: "Since the deal with Yorkshire fell through, LWT have approached a large number of companies, inside and outside the UK. But we haven't seen the white of anybody's eyes yet."

In its latest circular, LWT turns the spotlight on Granada, raising questions about its future earnings growth. It also asks whether Granada can make the savings it claims by merging TV operations.

Greg Dyke, LWT's chief executive, said Granada had produced a series of "vague and woolly documents that raise more questions than they answer".

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O'Reilly tries to break up *Independent* deal

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BATTLE for control of *The Independent* newspaper entered a new phase yesterday when Tony O'Reilly attempted to drive a wedge between Andreas Whittam Smith, the paper's editor, and Mirror Group Newspapers by entering in to direct talks with representatives of the paper's main Southern European investors.

Dr O'Reilly, who is chairman of Independent Newspapers in Ireland and heads the Heinz company in the United States, held discussions in Paris yesterday with Prince Carlo Caracciolo of Italy's *La Repubblica* and Juan Luis Cebrián of Spain's *El Pais*, who together control 37 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, owner of *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday*.

Afterwards, the former Irish international rugby player said he wanted to take a stake of between 25 and 30 per cent in Newspaper Publishing and keep Mr Whittam Smith on as editor.

He said: "*The Independent's* philosophy and ideals are akin to ours. In the longer term, it could be a profitable newspaper. It will require investment and require perseverance."

Dr O'Reilly is believed to value Newspaper Publishing at about £60 million, roughly 75 per cent of its turnover. It is understood that he believes the paper needs between £20 million and £25 million of capital investment.

Dr O'Reilly is keen to ensure that no single investor in Newspaper Publishing has a controlling stake. His proposal, which would give about 50 per cent to the Southern European investors, would leave room for a fourth publishing group — this time based in the UK — to take between 10 and 15 per cent, leaving a small percentage in the hands of the directors.

He said: "My view is very simple. There is overcapacity in the printing and distribution industry in the UK. Some of those facilities could be used for the *Independent*."

It is understood that Mr Whittam Smith was yesterday within a week of closing a separate deal with the Mirror Group and would not favour a deal involving both Dr O'Reilly and a separate facilities provider.

Mr Whittam Smith is expected to propose his rescue package within seven days. However, a final decision is unlikely until after the next Newspaper Publishing board meeting on January 27.

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Why the Mafia cannot regulate the Mafia

It is, perhaps, surprising that the mid-week debate in the House on insider dealing has received such scant coverage but, bearing in mind the fact that forests of editorial on matters regulatory have, by and large, failed to impinge on Tory policy for the best part of 14 years, perhaps not.

In the event, it proved an interesting debate, not least because Alistair Darling, Labour's spokesman on City affairs, succeeded in widening the perspective to regulation in general, rather than particularising on insider dealing which, over the years, neither the Stock Exchange, the DTI, the Treasury and least of all the Courts have ever quite managed to come to grips with. The sliver of soap in the City's bathwater.

Anthony Nelson, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, opened the debate with the pronouncement that although the legislation contained in the Criminal Justice Act "is an important element in the fight (what fight?) against insider dealing", he thought "most people would agree" (always a dangerous assumption) that the best way to curb insider dealing is to "restrict the opportunities which the potential wrongdoer has for misusing information".

Amazing, I thought. Major's marbles are rolling. He's going to close down the Stock Exchange. This, however, was not what Nelson had in mind. He continued: "That can be achieved only if companies meet their obligations under Stock Exchange rules to announce, as soon as possible, significantly price sensitive information to the market as a whole, rather than to disclose such information selectively."

Of course. As the scales fall from my eyes, I realise why insider dealing legislation has not achieved all that it could. It's the fault of the industrialists: they should never have trusted any of those advisers to whom they shelled out billions of pounds in fees. As for analysts, perhaps Major's going for the soft option. He's going to close down the City's research departments.

Wrong again. Nelson went on to "welcome" the Stock Exchange's work on drafting new guidelines for industry concerning the dissemination of price sensitive information. He may welcome the Stock Exchange's consultative document on the subject, but his reaction is not necessarily shared by industrialists, not a few of which are particularly chary of the Stock Exchange's tentative proposal for the introduction of unaudited quarterly financial reports.

Nor do corporate executives necessarily share the Stock Exchange's view that companies should feel obliged to correct analysts' forecasts or statements if they feel there is a risk of the market being "materially misled". Why should industry be responsible for stockbrokers' inaccuracies? Why not fire analysts who "materially mislead?" Or



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kick them where it hurts: in the bonus.

Enter Darling with the blunt message that there is little point in the House continuing to pass legislation that will prove ineffective and, in many instances, will not be enforced. At best, he argued, such legislation will provide "a dripping roast for the many lawyers who make a fortune in a sector where the Government's track record of enforcement is poor".

Darling pointed out, to anyone who required enlightenment, that "insider dealing is far more widespread than the Government cares to admit". Inevitably, he raised the absurd statistics. Since 1987, 104 cases of insider dealing have been reported. Only 33 have been prosecuted and only 16 resulted in a conviction. In his words: "There is a feeling that there is little chance of being caught, even less chance of being prosecuted, and every chance of getting off ... for insider dealing or other City crimes."

Labour's City spokesman contrasted the sentencing of Roger Levitt to community service with the sentencing, the same week, of a pregnant woman to imprisonment for failing to pay her television licence. Ernest Saunders, he alleged, was the only man in the world to have suffered senile dementia and recovered. What, asked Darling, does Asil Nadir have to fear from British justice? The Stock Exchange, according to Darling, favours the creation of a central enforcement body because "they detect through their duties under the Financial Services Act 1986 that insider dealing might be going on". There always were some shrewdies in that Tower.

But, for my money, it was Labour's Austin Mitchell who stole the show and, as is his wont, quickly got to the nub of matters regulatory. I quote: "It is interesting to hear the growing chorus of demand for an end to a system of self-regulation which has not worked, is not working and cannot be made to work because the vested interest of the self-regulators precludes them from regulating in the wider public interest. The Mafia cannot regulate the Mafia in the way that is proposed."

Mitchell argued: "We should have a system similar to the Securities and Exchange Commission in the US, a statutorily based independent regulator, properly staffed and properly paid." Such a structure, in Mitchell's view, would answer ultimately to the House but would enjoy independent authority. Working under that commission would be regulators, including a banking regulator. As Mitchell impolitely pointed out, "the Bank of England is an inadequate regulator". Former BCCI depositors are unlikely to disagree. Similarly, Mitchell wants to see the creation of an accounting and audit commission along with "an effective" SIB. Answerable to the whole structure, and working for the commission, would be an enforcement agency with the power "to fine, disbar, punish, proceed by civil and criminal action and strike at crimes as they are committed".

Now that sounds like *serious* regulation. What is interesting is that not a few City practitioners, of distinctly different political persuasions, do not entirely disagree with Mitchell.

BAe to cut 850 jobs at three factories

By Sarah Bagnall

BRITISH Aerospace is to axe 850 jobs at three factories in a drive to restore competitiveness. In the course of this year, 480 jobs will go at Woodford, Cheshire, 100 at Hatfield, Hertfordshire and 250 at Chadderton, in Greater Manchester.

The cuts at Woodford and Hatfield are part of the company's efforts to return its Avro International regional jets business to profit. The business has been losing money for several years. "Production levels are running at a third less than they were two years ago and as a result we have had to take out costs," a BAe spokesman said.

The company said the job losses bore no relation to the setback it had suffered in negotiations to form a joint venture with Taiwan Aerospace Corporation.

The cuts, which affect management as well as shop-floor workers, will reduce the workforce at Woodford to under 2,500, that at Hatfield to about 100 and that at Chadderton, which makes parts, to 2,550. BAe made provisions of £1 billion to cover the cost of rationalisation 18 months ago. "The costs of the job cuts will be covered by the provision, as have other costs we have incurred as part of our consolidation," the spokesman said.

Negotiations between BAe and Taiwan Aerospace, 29 per cent owned by the Taiwan government, for joint production of commercial jets ceased in October, after the two sides had failed to agree terms. The breakdown came after ten months of talks. BAe said the joint venture was "dormant not dead". It still hoped to complete a deal but Avro was being rationalised to make it viable as a stand-alone entity. Larry Brooke, national aerospace officer at MSF, the union for skilled and professional people, said blame for the losses must fall on the Government. "By ignoring the recommendations of the Commons trade and industry select committee report, they have given our aerospace industry little hope for the future," he said.

He welcomed the news that the regional jets business had a future on its own but "they should never have had to go cap in hand to the Taiwanese government, or any other foreign government for that matter, in the first place."

The job cuts were announced to staff yesterday. The company hopes that many of the redundancies will be voluntary.

Tennant joins Wellcome

By Sarah Bagnall



Sir Anthony Tennant is valued for his strategic skills

SIR Anthony Tennant, who took the helm at Guinness after the ignominious departure of Ernest Saunders, has joined Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals company, as non-executive deputy chairman.

Sir Anthony, who joins with immediate effect and will work one day a week, was the subject of controversy because of his handsome pension arrangement when he left Guinness in 1992.

He collected £777,000 in emoluments during his last year as chairman and now receives a pension of more than £500,000 a year. Among Sir Anthony's responsibilities at Wellcome will be the chairmanship of the remuneration committee. His strategic skills were among the reasons for his appointment.

John Robb was confirmed as Wellcome's chairman and chief executive. The company said it had been judged best to combine the two top roles because of rapid change in the pharmaceutical industry and Mr Robb's experience and in-depth knowledge of it.

Sir Anthony, cited as the man responsible for striking Guinness's lucrative deal with LVMH and overhauling United Distillers' overseas distribution network, is retained by Guinness as a consultant at an annual fee of £50,000.

Argos beats rivals with sales surge

By Susan Gilchrist

ARGOS, the catalogue retail chain, beat most high street retailers by reporting an 18 per cent sales rise in the five weeks before Christmas.

Earlier this week, Signet, Britain's biggest jewellery retailer, announced an 11 per cent gain, and Storehouse, the Mothercare to BhS combine, one of 13 per cent. Some analysts upgraded their 1993 profit forecasts for Argos by about £2 million, to between £82 million and £83 million.

Bob Stewart, Argos finance director, said new store openings accounted for about 4 per cent of the Christmas increase. The strong rise helped to lift like-for-like growth in the second half of 1993 to just under 8 per cent, up from 6 per cent in the first half. Overall, sales were 10 per cent up on 1992.

The group gave warning that higher advertising spending and aggressive pricing had eroded gross margins. Autumn prices were the same as those in the spring, and both were supported by heavier TV campaigns than in 1992.

Break For The Border, the chain of Tex-Mex restaurants which floated last May, reported a 6.6 per cent rise in sales during December.

Business Bulletin

Hopes rise for cut in German interest rates

HOPES of early cuts in German interest rates rose yesterday. Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president, said rates would not be kept up "any longer than necessary" and Günter Rexrodt, the economics minister, defended Bonn's forecast of 0.5 to 1 per cent growth in western Germany this year.

Both the government and the central bank have been encouraged this week by the effective annual pay rise of 1.5 per cent accepted by chemical workers. With pay growth moderating and the labour market benefiting from shake-out during the recession, German competitiveness should improve substantially. The Bundesbank council, which meets next Thursday, last lowered key interest rates in October.

Blagden chief leaves

BLAGDEN, the steel drums and packaging group, is to lose Cameron Smith, its chief executive, after 30 years with the company. Lance Levine, company secretary, said Mr Smith, 55, and Tecwyn Wilkinson, the chairman, decided fresh ideas were needed. Mr Smith had a three-year contract, and is negotiating compensation. He leaves next month. Blagden has been battered by the recession in chemical and oil-related industries. Mr Smith's replacement is Richard Searle, who joins from Manville Corp, of the US, a paperboard and packaging maker.

Eurocamp drops back

PROFITS of Eurocamp fell from £9.4 million to £6.25 million in the 12 months to October 31. However, the group is maintaining the year's total dividend at 9.75p a share, declared out of net earnings of 16.2p (24.2p) a share, and indicates that 1994 will be a better year. The shares jumped 22p to 285p. Tom Neville, the chairman, said that last year's setback, which saw turnover drop from £61.3 million to £56.7 million, followed a sharp downturn in holiday bookings for France. However, it expects some recovery in demand for holidays in France from Britons.

CBI sees more bank job cuts

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BANKING job cuts are likely to accelerate, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday, in spite of the sharpest increase in business activity in financial services for five years.

The CBI's warning about even more cuts follows a swathe of lost jobs in banking, with Barclays, National Westminster and TSB together announcing 10,000 banking jobs gone in a single week.

Although such service sector job losses match and perhaps even exceed some of the heaviest redundancy announcements in recent years in manufacturing, the CBI said that, based on its latest survey of the financial sector, banks expected the pace of job losses to quicken still further.

The marked overall optimism of the CBI's financial services sector survey, carried out with Coopers & Lybrand, the management consultant, contrasted sharply with its findings on jobs. The CBI said further job cuts were expected in finance in the first quarter of this year, and while overall, these would be at a slower rate than recently, in banking, job cuts were likely to accelerate.

Over the last three months before the survey, the balance of banks recording job losses — those registering losses against those noting increases — stood at minus 50 per cent, but over the first three months of this year the figure is much worse, with 61 per cent of banks expecting to cut jobs. This is more than twice the rate for finance as a whole.

The likely cuts in the financial sector, and especially banking, come despite the fact that the CBI survey showed that as a proportion of total costs, staff costs have fallen at the steepest rate since the survey began in 1989.

Angus Hislop, of Coopers, said: "Even with an upturn in business, financial services companies have been keen to cut costs and reduce staff levels. Further reductions are expected in the near future as the drive to improve efficiency and productivity continues."

Tempus

Thorn sets an example and comes up smelling of roses

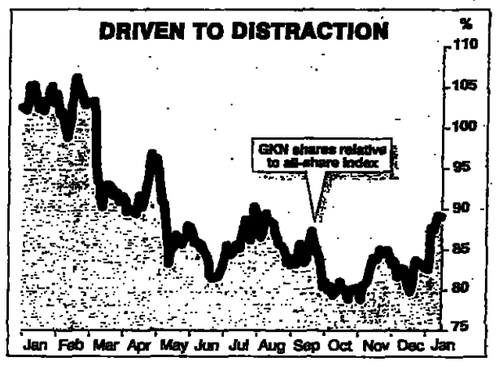
While other companies have contented themselves by publishing anodyne trading statements as a nod to the Stock Exchange's sudden enthusiasm to control the flow of price-sensitive information, Thorn has gone the whole way and succumbed to quarterly reporting. The fact that Sir Colin Southgate, its chairman, is a member of the Bank of England's court of directors and an adviser to the Stock Exchange on the subject probably helps.

Thorn feels quarterly reporting is less of a burden than it appears. The company feels obliged to issue a trading statement on its key Christmas period anyway, so it might as well include some quarterly figures to give the words some weight. That only leaves first-quarter figures, which it will publish in August, so no-one will take much notice of them anyway.

In many respects, one can sympathise with Thorn's decision. The very phrase "trading statement" still seems to strike terror into the market, which immediately writes shares down by as much as 5 per cent, whatever it says.

Few companies are likely to follow Thorn's example. Most finance directors feel quarterly reports are an unnecessary burden on their lives, even though it does not say much for a company's financial controls if it cannot produce a monthly report. For companies involved in long term projects, like contractors and large engineers, quarterly reports are meaningless.

The trend towards trading statements and quarterly reports may increase the flow of trading data from companies but it will make it more regimented. Companies will refuse to talk about their performance outside these set-piece occasions for fear of falling foul of the Stock Exchange.



This will infuriate market professionals, like analysts and even financial journalists who have had the privilege of quiet trading updates from companies. But private shareholders should welcome such an approach, since it tilts a steeply sloping playing field slightly back in their favour. The unofficial flow of price-sensitive information will never be stopped entirely but no longer will they sit and watch their shares sliding while broking analysts telephone their institutional clients with the bad news that will take weeks or months to arrive in the public domain.

Argos

ARGOS may have a staid image, but it certainly delivered exciting Christmas sales figures. An 18 per cent rise in sales beats all of the retailers who have reported thus far. Even accounting for new store openings, like for like growth was about 13 to 14 per cent, which surprised many in the City who are used to seeing more pedestrian growth from the company.

It delivered the often-heard warning on gross margins, which have been slightly eroded by aggressive pricing and higher advertising spend, but much of the fall should be recouped by the bottom line.

Undoubtedly Argos has been a big beneficiary of the mini-consumer boom in the run-up to Christmas. The big question for investors is whether it can sustain the momentum. It has now enjoyed the benefits of converting its Best Sellers stores to traditional outlets and the integration of its superstore catalogue, which gave a fillip to underlying sales last year. In the next couple of years, it will start to feel increasing competition from warehouse clubs and "category killer" retailers, which will encroach on its territory on pricing.

On a prospective p/e of about 20, the market believes Argos is in no immediate danger of falling off a cliff, and is probably right. But it faces a challenging and demanding future long term.

Gilts

THE Bank of England's confirmation of its January gilt-edged auction confirmed the City's feeling that it would try to establish a 15-year benchmark issue, to fit alongside the five- and ten-year benchmark issues it set up in the last two auctions. While we must wait until Tuesday to learn the exact details of the auction on January 26, it seems likely it will be an issue of 2009 stock worth between £3 billion and £3.5 billion.

This will be the trickiest auction for the Bank since last spring. The gilts market has been looking limp since the start of the year with the yield on ten-year issues rising from a low of 6.39 per cent to 6.63 per cent. This hardly constitutes a buyers' strike, but it suggests that investors will need a little more persuasion than in the feeding frenzy which began last August. The issue should get away easily, but the price and cover is likely to be lower than recent equivalents.

The issue is all the more important since it looks like being the last big piece of funding for the current financial year. Assuming the latest issue goes smoothly, the Bank approaches its next funding task with a set of benchmark issues, low and steady inflation, and the lingering hint of further base rate cuts — it has a far stronger hand than a year ago.

GKN

GKN's sale of its 47 per cent stake in Guest Keen Williams in India is a graphic illustration of how far the group has travelled in 20 years. GKW is an image of GKN in the 1970s, with a spread of low-tech engineering businesses including electrical stampings and nuts and bolts.

This bears little resemblance to today's GKN, which focuses on its world-class constant velocity joints and its less impressive Chep pallet hire operation. The sale provides a boost to GKN's balance sheet and its profit line, which will be more than welcome given the continuing poor state of the continental European motor market.

Carlisle in call for £5.75m

Carlisle Group, the loss-making property services firm, is calling for £5.75 million by way of a one-for-one rights issue and a subscription for shares by Nigel Wray, the stock market money-maker.

The company hopes its offer of 27.68 million shares at 11p a share will raise £3.04 million. Mr Wray will subscribe for shares worth £2.71 million.

Mr Wray will become non-executive chairman of Carlisle, and Jonathan Harris, the current chairman, will become deputy chairman and chief executive.

Pearson sale

Pearson, the media and banking group which last month demerged 55 per cent of Camco International, its oilfield equipment subsidiary, has sold a further 3.6 per cent of its residual holding for £8.5 million. It now holds 41.4 per cent of Camco.

Cable switch

Baillie Gifford Technology, the cash shell investment trust, is to become a specialist cable-laying firm through a £8.75 million reversal into JP Fitzpatrick and its sister company.

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LWT: **Sir Christopher Bland and Greg Dyke**

Screen bruisers battling to avoid a knockout

partners in power

The men trying to fend off Granada's unwelcome bid seem to be enjoying the excitement, says **Susan Gilchrist**

At this moment, you may be reading LWT's obituary. The weekend London television station is on the receiving end of the first hostile bid in British commercial broadcasting history and, according to many City punters, on the verge of losing to Granada (unless that white knight comes charging out of the west).

But Sir Christopher Bland, 55, and Greg Dyke, 46, the feisty duo at the top of the company, are not going down without a fight. Like heavyweights before a big contest, they have done the traditional verbal posturing, issued the standard threats and challenges, scornfully dismissed the opposition's skills while elevating their own. Indeed, earlier this week, it seemed they might almost go the distance, when they unveiled a profit forecast of £43.8 million for 1993 — way ahead of even the most optimistic expectations. However, Granada could still deliver the knock-out punch if it sweetens its offer. This would leave Sir Christopher and Mr Dyke free to ride into the sunset, millions of pounds the richer, thanks to the most lucrative and controversial golden handcuffs deal ever seen in the television industry. Yet here they are vociferously resisting a deal that could make them rich beyond their wildest dreams. It is, to say least, rather unusual, even in the high-pressure world of City takeovers.

> "We both went out, turned round and before we had even reached the front gate, said to each other, 'It's not enough'."

LWT's chairman and chief executive are a rather unusual pair. Sir Christopher is, in Mr Dyke's words, a "toff", and an Irish one at that. After national service, he read modern history at Oxford before embarking on a successful commercial, and later political, career, which included a period as chairman of the Bow Group. Knighted last year for his services to the National Health Service, he has cultivated a host of powerful contacts, such as Christopher Chataway (a former Conservative minister) and Michael Green (chairman of Carlton Communications).

His connections have always opened doors for him — Mr Chataway appointed him deputy chairman of the former Independent Broadcasting Authority. In fact, Granada could be the first one to slam in his aristocratic face. With his plummy tones and patrician appearance, he is every inch an old-style establishment figure.

In marked contrast, Mr Dyke, a self-confessed sixties liberal, left school at 16 (although he did later read politics at York University) and drifted between jobs, including a management traineeship with Marks and Spencer and reporting on a local paper, before finding his niche in television at the age of 30. As the man who brought *Blind Date* and *Gladiators* to British TV, he is an unashamed populist. His socialist leanings are still evident — he lives modestly in Twickenham, west London, and sends his four children to state schools. He talks at manic speed, the words tumbling out in an animated and mesmerising stream of consciousness, and his accent betrays his Middlesex roots.

But Sir Christopher had no doubts about him when he first met him in 1987. "I thought he was creative, dynamic, aggressive, energetic and funny." Mr Dyke was promptly appointed director of programmes and four years later chief executive. "Greg is a real star, and not just in television. I have been in several companies and industries, and Greg is the best I have ever seen."

He believes Mr Dyke's greatest quality is the vast number of ideas he generates. "He is full of ideas, he has an idea a minute. But he doesn't think they are all wonderful. He doesn't feel his geese are swans." One of those ideas, not so wonderful as it turned out, was to try to merge LWT with Yorkshire Television, while spinning off Tyne Tees to a third party, to block Granada's bid. But the alliance proved too complicated to engineer in time. LWT's harsher critics may classify that one as more of a turkey than a goose.

Mr Dyke's ability to come up with endless ideas stems from his years in the industry. "His life has been television, he is a proper programme-maker," Sir Christopher says. "I have never made a programme in my life." If he did, he says, surprisingly, he would like to make *Blind Date*. Nevertheless, the chairman is more comfortable talking about profits than programmes, share ratings than viewer ratings. He is the antithesis of a "luvvie".

Yet he insists that he and Mr Dyke are very alike. "We see things in a similar way. We certainly have the same judgments about people, we both agree about who are the good guys and who are the bad guys," he says with a conspiratorial smile — images of Gerry Robinson, Granada's chief executive, no doubt wafting through his mind.

Sir Christopher says the pair reached the simultaneous and immediate conclusion that the Granada offer was too low. "We met at Gerry's handsome Holland Park house and listened to what he had to say. We both went out, turned round and before we had even reached the front gate, said to each other, 'It's not enough.' And the gate was only 30 feet away."

That is not to say the pair never argue. "You don't have to pull your punches with Greg," Sir Christopher says. "He's not a sensitive flower and neither am I. He might come to me and say I've got a great idea and I will say it's bollocks. And vice versa." They also seem to share a colourful command of English.

But all their conversations are peppered with an acerbic and amusing banter. "He is always going on about me being a toff, but he gets it back." At a meeting with Cazenove, LWT's prim and proper stockbroker, Mr Dyke mentioned that the son of an acquaintance was applying for a job with Cazenove. The brokers nodded with polite interest but Sir Christopher chipped in: "If he talks like you, Greg, he doesn't stand a chance." But the chairman reluctantly admits he is still "behind in terms of the overall score".

Would working with Gerry Robinson at Granada be as much fun? "I am too old to work *for* someone else," Sir Christopher says. Privately, he would be the first to admit there is unlikely to be a job for him anyway. He is nothing if not a realist. He knows that if you cannot join them, beat them.

Mr Dyke recalls meeting Sir Christopher even before he arrived at LWT. "His wife, Jenny, invited me to a reception at their house. What did I think of him? I thought, it's a big house." He met him again in passing at a dinner party soon after. "I remember being impressed that he turned up in a pair of dirty old jeans, like I always wear, and I thought he must be more interesting than I imagined."

His understanding of the man developed rapidly once he joined LWT. "I discovered early on that if he shouts at you, you shout back. Then you can have a decent relationship. He could bully you if he wanted to and you have to make sure he doesn't." But Mr Dyke is a great admirer of his boss's logical brain. "He is incredibly sharp and analytical. I am intuitive, more of an ideas man. One in five is a good one, but the other four probably aren't. And that's the play-off between us. Although sometimes he does tire of it. Some days you can see he doesn't want one."

According to Mr Dyke, they share two business mottos: "Never do things for strategic reasons — strategic just means it loses money. And never do business with the French." Despite these maxims, Mr Dyke recently set up a strategy unit. "Christopher came into my office and said, 'When we plot the downfall of this company, it will start the day you appointed this unit.' But that is the essence of our relationship. He is always the one who questions me and asks, 'what the hell do you want to do that for?'."

He agrees that the two are remarkably similar. "We are both quick-tempered, although he is worse than I am. But neither of us is very good at explaining what we are trying to do for the third time. We are both fairly aggressive and we both take decisions quickly."

They also both thrive on pressure. Mr Dyke, who readily concedes he is "an adrenalin junkie", developed his addiction to crises at TV-am. He brought the ailing breakfast station back from the dead in 1983 with his blend of "snap, crackle and pap" fare and a little help from Roland Rat — the only rat ever to save a sinking ship. "The place was in an enormous crisis. I have never seen anything like it before or since. I went to work one day, and didn't come home for a year. But I really enjoyed it."

He has noticed the same quality in his chairman. "Christopher enjoys getting the adrenalin running. In a perverse way, he is quite enjoying this bid and in a perverse way, so am I."

However, they insist the pressure is no worse than during the franchise round. But whereas the franchise was a game of poker, this, Mr Dyke says, is more like chess. There have been the same volatile swings of mood, particularly after the Yorkshire deal fell through. "But we are both very optimistic human beings, we are hard to knock down for more than a day. There are times during this bid when we have probably been the only two people who thought we were going to win."

And what if they do not? "If we lose, and I leave, I will go home and think, well, here I am, 46, I have a lot of money, now what shall I do for the rest of my life." Greg Dyke is not one for resting on his quarrels.

MICHAEL POWELL



Populist and patrician: Greg Dyke, left, LWT's chief executive, and chairman Sir Christopher Bland are thriving on pressure

APPLY BEFORE 2 FEBRUARY

This document has been approved for the purposes of section 57 of the Financial Services Act 1986 by South New Court Corporate Finance Limited, a member of the SFA and sponsor to KEPIT. Please note that the value of Shares may fall as well as rise. Warrants often involve a high degree of gearing so that a relatively small movement in the underlying security to which the Warrant relates may result in a disproportionately large movement, unfavourable as well as favourable, in the price of the Warrant.

In applying for shares you will be treated as applying on the basis of the Listing Particulars, which should be read in conjunction with this document, and the Terms and Conditions of the Offer set out in this document. These together govern your rights and obligations. Words and expressions defined in the Listing Particulars have the same meanings in this document.

KLEINWORT EUROPEAN PRIVATISATION INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

(Incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985 with registered number 2885321)

Placing and Offer for Subscription of up to 500,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 70p each (with Warrants attached on a one for five basis) at 100p per share payable in two instalments of 50p each

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KEY INFORMATION

The following information should be read in conjunction with the Listing Particulars, from which it is derived:

- Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust plc (KEPIT) is a new investment trust set up to take advantage of investment opportunities arising as governments and public authorities in Europe seek to widen the ownership of companies which they currently control.
- Shares in the majority of UK companies which have been privatised have substantially out-performed the stock market.
- Recent estimates by J P Morgan Securities Ltd and Morgan Stanley International suggest that European privatisations totalling at least £100 billion are possible over the next five years. The UK government, which in Europe pioneered large scale privatisation programmes, has so far raised in excess of £40 billion.
- Privatisations are being developed in a wide range of European countries.
- France, Italy and Spain, in particular, have already announced major programmes.
- It is expected that privatisations will cover telecommunications and industrial companies as well as utilities. The privatisation of a number of financial institutions is also anticipated.
- KEPIT will provide investors with the opportunity to participate in privatisations throughout Europe. It is complicated and often expensive for foreign private investors to participate directly in European privatisations.
- Participation via an investment trust will provide a diversified portfolio of privatised companies across Europe.
- As KEPIT will invest in European equities, with the majority in the major economies of the European Union, its Shares will be eligible for maximum investment in a PEP.
- Shares will initially be issued partly paid, with Warrants attached.
- Warrants will be issued at no additional cost at a rate of one Warrant for every five Shares issued under the Offer. Each Warrant will entitle the holder to subscribe for one new Share at 100p on 31 January in any one of the years 1995 to 2006 (subject to adjustment in certain circumstances).

EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Latest time for receipt of applications and first payment of 50p per share	10 am Wednesday 2 February 1994
Basis of allocation announced	Thursday 3 February 1994
Interim certificates and Warrant certificates despatched	Tuesday 8 February 1994
Dealings commence in Ordinary Shares and Warrants separately	Wednesday 9 February 1994
Date for final payment of 50p per share	Monday 1 August 1994

AVAILABILITY OF LISTING PARTICULARS

Copies of the Listing Particulars and Mini Prospectus, including Application Forms, can be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday (excluding Saturdays) up to and including 2 February 1994 from the following:

Kleinwort Benson Investment Management Limited, 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 3LB

Barclays Registrars, 170 Fenchurch Street, London EC3

Smith New Court Corporate Finance Limited, 20 Farringdon Road, London EC1M 3NH

KLEINWORT BENSON INVESTMENT TRUST HELPLINE 071-956 5832

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

(1) The contract created by the acceptance of applications under the Offer will be conditional upon:
(a) the admission of the Ordinary Shares and the Warrants to the Official List of the London Stock Exchange and such admission becoming effective in accordance with the Rules of the London Stock Exchange by not later than 28 February 1994; and
(b) the Placing and Offer Agreement referred to in Part V of the Listing Particulars becoming unconditional and not being terminated in accordance with its terms.

(2) The right is reserved by the Company to present all cheques and banker's drafts for payment on receipt and to retain monies pending clearance of successful applicants' cheques. The Company also reserves the right to reject in whole or in part, or to scale down or limit, any application. If any application is not accepted in full, or is accepted in part only, or if any contract created by acceptance does not become unconditional, the application monies or, as the case may be, the balance thereof will be returned (without interest) by returning each relevant applicant's cheque or banker's draft or by crossed cheque in favour of the first-named applicant, through the post at the risk of the person(s) entitled thereto. In the meantime, application monies will be retained by Barclays Registrars (the "Receiving Agents") in a separate account.

(3) By completing and delivering an Application Form you:
(a) offer to subscribe for the number of Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached on a one for five basis) specified in your Application Form (or such lesser number for which your application is accepted) at the Offer Price on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Listing Particulars, including these Terms and Conditions of Application, and the Nominee Agreement and to due compliance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and agree to become a party to and to be bound by all relevant provisions of the Nominee Agreement;
(b) agree that, in consideration of the Company agreeing that it will not prior to 28 February 1994 issue or allot any Ordinary Shares the subject of the Offer to any person other than by means of the procedures referred to in the Listing Particulars, your application may not be revoked until after 28 February 1994 and that this paragraph shall constitute a collateral contract between you and the Company which will become binding upon despatch of your Application Form by post to, or (in the case of delivery by hand) on receipt by, the Receiving Agents;
(c) warrant that the remittance accompanying your Application Form will be honoured on first presentation and agree that if it is not so honoured you will not be entitled to receive an interim certificate in respect of the Ordinary Shares or certificate in respect of the Warrants applied for unless and until you make payment in cleared funds for such Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached) and such payment is accepted by the Company in its absolute discretion (which acceptance may be on the basis that you indemnify it against all costs, damages, losses, expenses and liabilities arising out of or in connection with the failure of your remittance to be honoured on first presentation) and you agree that, at any time prior to the unconditional acceptance by the Company of such payment, the Company may (without prejudice to other rights) avoid the agreement to issue or sell such Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached) and may issue or sell such Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached) to some other person, in which case you will not be entitled to any payment in respect of such Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached);
(cc) agree that, in respect of those Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached) for which your application has been received and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of the Company, either (i) by notification to the London Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) by notification of acceptance thereof to the Receiving Agents;
(e) agree that any monies returnable to you may be retained by the Receiving Agents pending clearance of your remittance and that such monies will not bear interest;
(f) authorise the Receiving Agents to send an interim certificate(s) in respect of the number of Ordinary Shares and warrant certificate(s) in respect of the number of Warrants for which your application is accepted and/or a crossed cheque for any monies returnable, by post, to the address of the person (or the first-named person) named as the applicant in the Application Form;
(g) agree that the Final Instalment in respect of the Ordinary Shares the subject of your application and the right to which shall not have been renounced in accordance with the Nominee Agreement prior to the relevant time and date shall be received (where the Final Instalment is £50,000 or more, in cleared funds) not later than 3.00 p.m. on 1 August 1994 by the Receiving Agents and that, if such payment is not so received, the provisions described in paragraph 10 of Part V of the Listing Particulars shall apply, the Directors may at their sole discretion accept late payment of such Final Instalment with or without requiring interest on the overdue amount and, where payment is received in respect of part only of a holding of Ordinary Shares, the Company may despatch to such holder a certificate for the appropriate number of fully-paid Ordinary Shares;
(h) warrant that, if you sign the Application Form on behalf of somebody else or on behalf of a corporation, you have due authority to do so on behalf of that other person or corporation, and such person or corporation will also be bound accordingly and will be deemed also to have given the confirmation, warranties and undertakings contained herein and undertake to enclose your power of attorney or other authority or a copy thereof duly certified by a solicitor with the Application Form;
(i) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the Offer shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and that you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts and agree that nothing shall limit the right of the Company to bring any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or in connection with any such applications, acceptances of applications and contracts in any other manner permitted by law or in any court of competent jurisdiction;
(j) confirm that in making such application you are not relying on any information or representations in relation to the Company other than those contained in the Listing Particulars and accordingly you agree that no person responsible solely or jointly for the Listing Particulars or any part thereof or involved in the preparation thereof shall have any liability for any such other information or representations;
(k) authorise the Receiving Agents and/or South New Court and/or the Nominee, or any person authorised by either of them, as your agent, to do all things necessary to effect registration in the register of members of any Ordinary Shares or Warrants subscribed for by you into your name(s) or into the name(s) of any person(s) in whose favour the entitlement to any such rights under the Nominee Agreement, Ordinary Shares or Warrants has been transferred and authorise any representative of the Receiving Agents or of South New Court to execute any document required therefor;
(l) agree that, having had the opportunity to read the Listing Particulars, you shall be deemed to have had notice of all information and representations concerning the Company contained therein;
(m) confirm and warrant that you have read and complied with paragraph (4) below;
(n) confirm that you have reviewed the restrictions contained in paragraph (5) below and warrant as provided therein;
(o) warrant that you are not under the age of 18; and
(p) agree that such Application Form is addressed to the Company, Smith New Court and the Nominee; and
(q) agree that all documents and cheques sent by post to, by or on behalf of the Company or the Receiving Agents or the Nominee, will be sent at your risk.

(4) No person receiving a copy of the Listing Particulars, the Mini Prospectus or an Application Form in any territory other than the United Kingdom may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such Application Form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such Application Form could lawfully be used without contravention of any registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the United Kingdom wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including obtaining any requisite governmental or other consents, observing any other formalities requiring to be observed in such territory and paying any stamp, transfer or other taxes required to be paid in such territory.

(5) The Ordinary Shares and Warrants have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and, subject to certain exceptions, the Ordinary Shares and Warrants may not be offered, sold, renounced, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to any US person. Persons subscribing for Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached) shall be deemed and (unless the Company is satisfied that Ordinary Shares and Warrants can be allotted without breach of United States securities laws) shall be required to represent and warrant to the Company that they are not a US person and that they are not subscribing for such Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached) for the account of any such person and will not offer, sell, renounce, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, such Ordinary Shares or Warrants in the United States or to any such person. As used herein, "United States" means the United States of America (including each of the States thereof and the District of Columbia), its territories and possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction and "US Person" means any person who is a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the United States or an estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income.

(6) The basis of allocation will be determined by the Company. The right is reserved to reject in whole or in part and/or scale down any application. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions relating to the Application Form and any Application Form not received by the latest time and date for receipt of applications stated in the Listing Particulars. If applications are not received for the minimum number of Shares, the number of Shares for which application are received may be allotted subject to satisfaction of the conditions referred to in (1) above.

(7) Save where the context otherwise requires, words and expressions defined in the Listing Particulars have the same meanings when used in the Terms and Conditions of Application, the Application Form and any explanatory notes in relation thereto.

APPLICATION FORM

KLEINWORT EUROPEAN PRIVATISATION INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

IMPORTANT: Boxes 1-4 must be completed and your remittance must be pinned at Box 5.

Applications must be for a minimum of 2,000 Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached). Applications must be made in multiples of 1,000 Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached).

I/We offer to subscribe for _____ Ordinary Shares (with Warrants attached on a 1 for 5 basis) at 100p each, with an initial instalment of 50p per share **1**

in Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust plc on the terms and subject to the conditions of application set out in the Listing Particulars dated 11 January 1994

and I/we attach a cheque or banker's draft for the amount payable now, namely (this should be equal in pounds to one half of the total number of shares for which you are applying) £ _____ **2**

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Mr/Mrs/Miss or Title _____ Forename(s) (in full) _____ Surname _____ **3**

Address (in full) _____

Postcode _____

Date _____ 1994 Signature _____ **4**

Pin your cheque or banker's draft for the amount shown in Box 2 made payable to "Barclays Bank PLC a/c KEPIT" and crossed "A/c payee only". You may send the completed Application Form by post to New Issues Department, Barclays Registrars, PO Box 16e, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TH; alternatively, it may be delivered by hand only during normal business hours to Barclays Registrars, 170 Fenchurch Street, London EC3, so as to be received in either case not later than 10.00 am on Wednesday 2 February 1994. **5**

Boxes 6 and 7 must be completed in the case of joint applicants only

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title **6**	Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title **6**	Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title **6**
Forename(s) (in full)	Forename(s) (in full)	Forename(s) (in full)
Surname	Surname	Surname
Address (in full)	Address (in full)	Address (in full)
Postcode	Postcode	Postcode
Signature **7**	Signature **7**	Signature **7**

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Intermediaries claiming commission should stamp the box below

For Official Use Only	Stamp of Intermediary
Ordinary Shares Allotted	
Commission payable	SRO and Membership Number/SIB Number

Losses clawed back as shares climb above 3,400 level

STOCK MARKET

SHARE prices clawed back some of this week's losses, climbing back above the 3,400 level as the two-week trading account drew to a close.

Support for the new account starting on Monday and the squaring-up of existing positions saw more than one billion shares change hands as the FT-SE 100 index managed to wipe out most of Wednesday's 41 point fall to finish 40.6 points up at 3,400.6. That is a deficit on the week of 45.4 points and 17.8 points on the account.

London bears were exposed after the market took its lead from strong overnight performances in Tokyo and Hong Kong. Later in the day, sentiment was bolstered by indications from the Bundesbank that German interest rates might be set to fall. This enabled the cash market to resist downward pressure from the future.

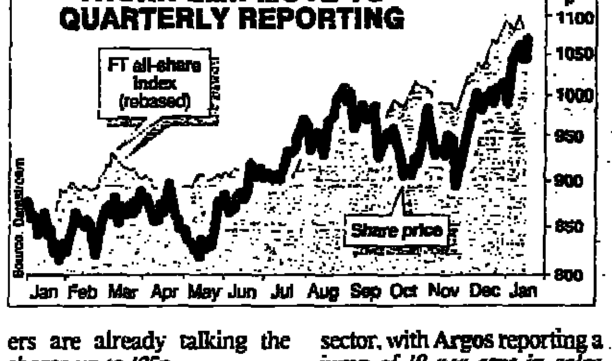
Among leaders, **Reuters** climbed 49p to £19.02 after a presentation for brokers in London. **Lonrho** rose 7p to 148p before the proposed listing of shares in Ashanti.

Thorn EMI jumped 14p to £10.61 after joining the growing number of companies switching to quarterly reporting. The group based its decision on proposals made in the recent consultative document by the London Stock Exchange about price-sensitive information. The first quarterly report will be on February 22, covering results for the nine months to December 31. Results for the year ending March 31 are due on May 24.

RMC expanded 17p to £10.27, cheered by hopes of cheaper German money. This enabled the group to shrug off the ill-effects of Cazenove and Warburg Securities turning cautious on the shares. Cazenove is thought to have downgraded pre-tax profits for the current year by £6 million to £174 million.

WPP Group was lifted 3p to 107p, having come up from 91p last week with a further 4.7 shares million traded. Fidelity Life recently sold most of its holding, but dealers are already talking the shares up to 125p.

THORN EMI: MOVE TO QUARTERLY REPORTING



Albert Fisher advanced 6p to 73p on a buy recommendation from NatWest Securities, the broker, which believes the shares have been left behind.

There was further encouraging news for the retail sector, with **Argos** reporting a jump of 18 per cent in sales during the crucial five weeks covering Christmas. The shares touched 384p after the announcement before settling 1p lower at 378p.

There were also gains for **Allders**, 4p to 237p, **Burton**, 3p to 70p, **Body Shop**, 9p to 251p, **Boots**, 9p to 565p, and **Next**, 5p to 232p.

Wellcome firmed 4p to 654p after it confirmed that John Robb had been appointed chairman and chief executive. Sir Anthony Tennant becomes a non-executive director and deputy chairman.

The banks began clawing back some of their recent falls, encouraged, to some extent, by latest cost-cutting efforts of **TSB**. **Abbey National** rose 13p to 520p, **Barclays** 5p to 599p, **First National Finance** 3p to 75p, **HSBC** 30p to 912p, **National Westminster** 9p to 591p, **Royal Bank of Scotland** 2p to 451p and **Standard Chartered** 10p to £11.64. TSB recovered an early fall to finish all square at 267p.

Kode International, the computer services group, fell 8p to 134p after warning that pre-tax profits for 1993 would be below current market expectations of about £1.6 million.

Hewitt Group, the building materials supplier, also fell 18p to 185p after a warning that last year's profits would fall short of expectations.

Clayton & Son, the loss-making engineering group, climbed 30p to 100p after announcing it was in bid talks. **Carlisle Group** rose 3p to 36½p on the news that Nigel Wray, chairman of Burford, the property group, is subscribing for £2.71 million worth of shares. Plans to raise a further £3 million by way of a one-for-one rights issue at 11p have also been revealed. Mr Wray is to be non-executive chairman.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The March series of the Long Gilt fell £¼ to £118 1/32 in heavy turnover that saw almost 94,000 contracts completed. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell £7/16 to £124 9/16, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9 per cent 1999 eased £⅛ to £115.

NEW YORK: Wall Street shares moved higher at midday, spurred on by solid economic data and a rally in semiconductor and banking shares, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial index was up 29.83 points to 3,872.26. Advancing issues led declining shares by 11 to eight.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4915 (-0.0040)
German mark .... 2.6116 (-0.0081)
Exchange index .... 82.7 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3400.6 (+40.6)
Dow Jones .... 3872.26 (+29.83)*
Nikkei Avg .... 18973.70 (+396.44)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank 5 7/16-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds 2 7/8%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.97-2.96%*
Long Bond 6.30%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£ $ ... 1.4922*	£:$ 1.4920
$:DM .. 1.7511*	£:DM 2.6109
$:SWfr. 1.4805*	£:SWfr 2.2082
$:Ffr .. 5.9425*	£:Ffr 8.8660
$:Yen .111.25*	£:Yen 165.99
£:SDR 1.0924	£:ECU 1.3456

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 389.50 .... PM 390.10
Close 389.40-389.90
New York:
Comex 390.05-390.55*

OIL

Brent Crude ..... $14.00 per bbl (Mar)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 141.6 Nov (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.10
Austria Sch	19.23	17.79
Belgium Fr	56.52	53.12
Canada $	2.078	1.918
Cyprus Cyp£	0.810	0.760
Denmark Kr	10.70	9.90
Finland Mkk	9.19	8.39
France Fr	9.30	8.80
Germany Dm	2.78	2.55
Greece Dr	396.00	371.00
Hong Kong $	12.19	11.19
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2640.00	2485.00
Japan Yen	181.50	164.50
Malta	0.623	0.568
Netherlds Gld	3.068	2.838
Norway Kr	11.84	11.04
Portugal Esc	274.00	256.50
S Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	222.50	208.50
Sweden Kr	12.76	11.96
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	22890.0	21890.0
USA $	1.590	1.460

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday

AT&T's losses to deepen

AT&T, the American telephone group, is expected to end the year $4 billion in the red after non-cash charges to cover the costs of pension, health and restructuring NCR, its computer group.

The accounting charges and NCR costs, which analysts say could total $500 million for the year, would add roughly $650 million to nine-month losses of $3.527 billion.

GKN to sell

GKN has agreed to sell its 46.7 per cent stake in Guest Keen Williams in India for a total cash payment of £11.88 million. The buyers include Graphite India of Calcutta and Zurich-based interests. GKN shares rose 0.5p to 569p.

Hewitt warning

SHARES in Hewitt Group, which makes industrial ceramics, fell 23p to 180p after it said that 1993 profits would be below expectations. The board plans to hold the final payout at 1.75p.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Abbey Natl	520p (+13p)
Nat West	594p (+12p)
Provident	506p (+22p)
J Sainsbury	478p (+12p)
Bass	577p (+17p)
Forte	283p (+13p)
Persimmon	333p (+11p)
Boots	567p (+11p)
Johnson Cleaners	903p (+15p)
Fine Art Dev	534p (+12p)
Cable Wireless	508p (+13p)
THORN EMI	1070p (+23p)
C Salvesen	372p (+17½p)
Blagden	156p (+11p)
Laporte	787p (+18p)
Zeneca	838p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Hays	295p (-10p)
MR Data Mngmnt	192p (-11p)

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Consortium to invest £108m

C&W takes lead in Latvian telecoms

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

LATVIA has signed agreements with Cable & Wireless, the British telecommunications group, and Telecom Finland, for a consortium formed by the two companies to take part in the privatisation and modernisation of Lattelekom, the Latvian state telecommunications operator.

The deal is the first telecommunications privatisation opened to international tender by a former Soviet republic and shows the emphasis that is being put on improved telecommunications and infrastructure.

Under the deal, the "Tilts" consortium, in which C&W has a 70 per cent stake, will obtain 49 per cent of Lattelekom in return for guaranteed investment of £108 million over the next three years. The consortium will provide management direction and be responsible for the completion of a 10-year modernisation plan.

Tilts, C&W's first partnership with Finland Telekom, a state company involved in a number of ventures in the Baltic region and Russia, builds on C&W's engagement in Sweden, Belarus, and the Russian Baltic city of St Petersburg.

The modernisation programme calls for the installation of two international and 11 local exchanges, a new fibre optic cable network and connecting all Latvian telecommunications users to digital exchanges within eight years. International links will be enhanced by a satellite earth station and two submarine cables, one to Sweden, and one to Finland.

The formal agreements were signed yesterday by Lord Young, C&W executive chairman, Andris Gutmanis, the Latvian minister of Transport, and Pekka Vennamo, chairman of Telecom Finland. The Latvian cabinet gave the go-ahead to the deal just before Christmas.

Lord Young, said at yesterday's signing ceremony in Riga: "Modern communications will help Latvia to regain its historic role as a major Baltic trading centre".



The Duchess of York with Budgie the Little Helicopter

Sleepy Kids lifted by little Budgie

SHARES of Sleepy Kids, the USM-traded animation and merchandising group, rose 4p to 90p yesterday as its potentially money-spinning involvement with the Duchess of York's Budgie the Little Helicopter developed (Sarah Bagnall writes).

Sleepy Kids said it has signed a further six licensing deals for Budgie merchandise such as pin badges and keyrings, taking the total to 31, and that more than 1 million children watched each of the first two episodes of Budgie, the ITV series based on the children's story character.

Four of the new licences are in the UK, lifting the number of UK agreements to 21.

RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Split Lvl C (100)	100½	...
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	95½	...
CLM Insce (100)	110	...
Chelsfield (155)	181	+2
DFS Furniture (260)	320	+1
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...
Finsbury Undrwrtng Inv	111	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	114½	...
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	121	...
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	61½	-½
Gartmore (168)	202	+3
Harmony Leisure Wts	4½	...
Litho Supplies (190)	241	+1
Masthead Insce (100)	108	...
NM Smllr Wts	65	+4
Pilot Inv C (100)	107	...
Rackwood (40)	44	...
Rossmont (10)	11	...
Securitised End Cont (60)	70	+2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Irish n/p (48)	15	-1
Bemrose n/p (325)	105	...
Cementone n/p (73)	15	...
Europe Energy n/p (5)	6	-½
Halkin n/p (68)	4	-1
Sheldon Jones n/p (25)	8	...

THE SUNDAY TIMES

"At stake is an asset worth £1bn — spoils rich enough to spur a low and rough fight for the jackpot. But, says one bidder for the National Lottery franchise, "there appears to be a strict no schmoozing rule. Exotic weekends and brown-paper envelopes are right out . . ."

Business Focus — The Sunday Times tomorrow

WALL STREET

	Jan 14 midday	Jan 13 close
AMP Inc	62	62
AMR Corp	71	71
Abbott Labs	29	29
Aetna Life	56	55
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19
Air Prod & Chem	47	46
Albertson's	26	25
Alcan Alumnm	22	22
Alco Standard	58	58
Allied Signal	77	77
Alum Co of Am	73	73
Amax Gold Inc	7	7
Amerada Hess	47	46
Amer Brands	35	35
Amer Cyanamid	50	49
Amer El Power	35	35
Amer Express	32	31
Amer Genl Corp	28	28
Amer Home Pr	64	64
Amer Intl	84	84
Amer Stores	43	42
Amer T & T	54	54
Ameritech	75	75
Amoco	53	53
Anheuser-Busch	49	49
Apple Computer	31	30
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	7	7
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	53	53
Asarco	23	23
Ashland Oil	38	37
Atl Richfield	107	106
Auto Data-Pro	54	52
Avery Dennison	28	28
Avon Products	54	53
Baker Hughes	21	20
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	38	37
BankAmerica	48	48
Bank of NY	57	58
Bankers Tr NY	79	78
Barnett Banks	40	40
Bausch & Lomb	50	49
Baxter Intl	24	24
Becton Dicknsn	35	35
Bell Atlantic	56	56
BellSouth	57	57
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	42	41
Boeing	44	43
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	15	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58
Browning Ferris	28	28
Brunswick	19	19
Burlington Nthn	59	58
CBS	291	291
CNA Financial	78	78
CPC Intl	48	48
CSX	88	86
Campbell Soup	40	40
Can Pacific	17	17
Cptl Cities ABC	630	639
Cptl Holdings	37	37
Carolina Pwr	28	28
Caterpillar	90	90
Central & SW	29	29
Champion Intl	34	34
Chase Manhat	35	36
Chemical Bk	41	41
Chevron Corp	89	89
Chrysler	60	60
Chubb Corp	77	77
Cigna Corp	63	63
Citicorp	41	40
Clorox	53	53
Coastal Corp	28	28
Coca Cola	42	42
Colgate-Palmolive	60	60
Columbia Gas	22	22
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	79	79
Comp Ass Int	44	42
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	30	30
Cons Nat Gas	46	45
Cons Rail	67	67
Cooper Inds	50	50
Corning Inc	31	30
Crown Cork	38	37
Dana Corp	58	58
Dayton Hudson	68	68
Deere	76	76
Delta Air Lines	57	57
Deluxe Corp	38	37
Detroit Edison	28	28
Digital Equip	37	37
Dillard Dept St	35	36
Disney (Walt)	47	46
Dominion Res	43	43
Donnelley (RR)	31	31
Dover Corp	60	60
Dow Chemical	58	58
Dow Jones	38	37
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	42	42
Dun & Bradstreet	62	62
Du Pont	51	51
Eastman Kodak	45	45

	Jan 14 midday	Jan 13 close
Eaton Corp	55	54
Emerson Elec	62	62
Engelhard Corp	26	26
Enron Corp	29	29
Ethyl Corp	18	18
Exxon	65	65
EMC Corp	48	48
FPL Group	36	36
Federal Express	76	75
Fed Nat Mtge	80	85
First Chicago	41	42
First Interstate	69	69
First Union Rlty	10	10
Fleet Finl Grp	34	34
Fluor Corp	41	41
Ford Motor	68	67
GTE Corp	34	34
Gannett	57	57
Gap Inc Del	41	41
Gen Dynamics	91	92
Gen Electric	106	105
Gen Mills	60	60
Gen Motors	60	60
Gen Reinsurance	104	104
Gen Signal	36	35
Genuine Parts	38	38
Georgia Pac	73	72
Gillette	61	62
Glaxo ADR	20	19
Goodrich (BF)	41	41
Goodyear Tire	46	45
Grace (WR)	42	42
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	25
Great West Fin	20	20
Halliburton	32	31
Harcourt General	37	37
Heinz (HJ)	35	35
Hercules	109	109
Hershey Foods	48	48
Hewlett Packard	86	85
Hilton Hotels	66	65
Home Depot	37	37
Homestake Mng	23	23
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	33	33
Houston Inds	44	44
Humana	18	18
ITT Corp	92	92
Illinois Tool	42	42
INCO	27	27
Ingersoll Rand	38	39
Inland Steel	36	36
Intel Corp	69	68
IBM	59	58
Intl Flav & Fr	115	115
Intl Paper	72	71
James River Vs	20	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	43
K Mart	19	19
Kellogg	56	56
Kerr-McGee	45	45
Kimberly-Clark	53	53
Knight-Ridder	58	58
Lilly (Eli)	58	58
Limited Inc	17	17
Lin Brdcstng	106	106
Lincoln Nat	41	41
Litton	68	68
Liz Claiborne	22	22
Lockheed Corp	66	66
Louisiana Pac	42	41
MCI Commun	26	26
Marriott Int	29	29
Marsh & McLnn	83	82
Masco Corp	36	36
May Dept St	40	40
Maytag Corp	18	17
McCaw Cellular	51	52
McDonalds	57	57
McDonnell D	110	108
McGraw Hill	69	69
Mead Corp	46	46
Medtronic	83	82
Mellon Bk	54	54
Melville Corp	39	39
Merck Inc	36	36
Merrill Lynch	43	42
Minnsota Mine	110	110
Mobil Corp	78	78
Monsanto	78	77
Morgan (JP)	71	70
Motorola Inc	100	95
Natl Medical	15	14
Natl Semi	18	18
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	25	25
NBD Bancorp	29	29
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	58	58
Niag Mohawk	19	19
Nike B	52	51
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	34	34
Norfolk Sthrn	73	72
Nthn State Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	24	24
Nynex Corp	39	40
Occidental Pet	17	17
Ohio Edison	21	21
Oracle Systems	32	32

	Jan 14 midday	Jan 13 close
Oryx Energy Co	17	17
Owens Corning	44	44
PNC Financial	29	28
PPG Industries	76	75
Paccar Inc	57	56
Pacificorp	18	19
Pac Enterprises	23	22
Pac Gas & Elect	32	32
Pac Telesis	55	55
Pall Corp	18	18
Panhandle East	23	23
Paramnt Comm	78	78
Parker Hannifin	38	38
Penney (JC)	53	52
Pennzoil	53	53
Pepsico	40	40
Pfizer	67	68
Phelps Dodge	52	51
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	58	57
Phillips Pet	29	29
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	35	35
PriceCostco	17	17
Procter & Gmbl	58	57
Pub Serv E & G	30	30
Quaker Oats	66	65
Ralston Purina	37	37
Raychem Corp	38	38
Raytheon	66	66
Reebok Intl	33	33
Reynolds Metals	48	49
Roadway Srvs	63	63
Rockwell Intl	37	37
Rohm & Haas	58	59
Royal Dutch	106	105
Rubbermaid	33	33
Safeco Corp	54	54
St Paul's Cos	86	87
Salomon Inc	45	45
Santa Fe Pac	23	23
Sara Lee Corp	25	24
Seccorp	19	19
Schering Plough	66	66
Schlumberger	59	59
Scott Paper	43	42
Seagram	28	28
Sears Roebuck	53	53
Shell Trans	64	64
Sherwin Wllms	33	34
Skyline Corp	21	20
Snap-On-Tools	41	41
Southern Co	42	42
Sthwestern Bell	39	39
Sprint Corp	35	35
Stanley Works	43	43
Sun Company	31	31
Sun Microsys	30	28
Suntrust	45	45
Supervalu	38	38
Syntex Corp	15	16
Sysco Corp	28	28
TRW Inc	70	70
Tandem Comp	11	11
Tandy Corp	44	44
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	25	25
Temple Inland	53	52
Tenneco	56	54
Texaco	66	65
Texas Inst	73	69
Texas Utilities	39	39
Textron	58	57
Time Warner	39	39
Times-Mirror	35	35
Timken	34	34
Torchmark	45	45
Toys R Us	39	40
Transamerica	56	56
Travelers	40	39
Tribune	60	59
Tyco Labs	52	52
UAL Corp	146	148
UST Inc	28	29
USX Marathon	17	16
Unilever NV	113	112
Union Camp	50	49
Union Carbide	23	22
Union Pacific	66	65
Unisys Corp	13	13
USAIR Group	14	13
USF&G Corp	14	14
US Life	38	38
US West	42	43
United Tech	64	64
Unocal Corp	29	28
Upjohn	29	30
VF Corp	45	45
WMX Tech	29	29
Wal-Mart Stores	25	25
Warner-Lambert	66	67
Wells Fargo	133	131
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	48	48
Whirlpool	66	66
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	49	49
Woolworth	25	25
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44	44
Xerox	91	91

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	14.000	Cadbury	2.100	MEPC	1.100	Scot Power	5.200
Abbey Natl	3.700	Caradon	991	Marks Spr	2.900	Sears	4.600
Alld-Lyons	3.500	Carlton Cms	2.300	NFC	663	Svrn Trent	1.900
Anglian W	310	*Coats Vyla*	3.900	NatWst Bk	6.200	Shell Trans	3.100
Argyll Gp	4.000	Cm Union	902	Nat Power	6.200	Siebe	3.400
Arjo Wiggin	2.200	Courtaulds	668	Nth Wst W	1.100	SmKl Bch	5.800
AB Foods	79	Enterpr Oil	1.000	Nthrn Fds	1.500	Smith Nph	1.700
BAA	1.200	Forte	6.000	P & O	877	Southern Elec	332
BAT Inds	3.500	GRE	1.200	Pearson	851	Std Chartd	546
BOC	1.400	GUS	652	PowerGen	3.100	Sun Allnce	3.800
BP	8.300	Gen Acc	402	Prudential	3.200	TI Gp	2.100
BTR	11.000	Gen Elec	3.900	RMC	525	TSB	10.000
BT	15.000	Glaxo	6.200	RTZ	2.900	Tesco	11.000
Bk of Scot	908	*Granada*	5.200	Rank Org	1.800	*Thames W*	733
Barclays	6.000	Grand Met	3.700	Reckitt Col	295	Thrn EMI	1.000
Bass	3.900	Guinness	5.600	Redland	2.100	Tomkins	3.100
Blue Circle	1.500	HSBC	6.100	Reed Intl	2.900	Unilever	1.200
Boots	4.000	Hanson	5.400	Rentokil	1.200	Utd Bisc	930
Bowater	2.600	ICI	2.300	Reuters	1.800	Vodafone	3.100
Brit Aero	6.300	Inchcape	1.600	Rolls Royce	3.400	Warbrg (SG)	1.200
Brit Airways	4.700	Kingfisher	2.400	Ryl Ins	1.200	Wellcome	8.900
Brit Gas	10.000	Ladbroke	12.000	Ryl Bk Scot	1.400	Whitbrd 'A'	1.000
Brit Steel	10.000	Land Secs	2.700	Sainsbury	4.300	Wllms Hld	1.300
Burmah Cst	1.000	*Legal & Gn*	1.100	Schroders	51	Wolseley	395
Cable Wire	8.500	Lloyds Bk	4.700	Scot & New	2.600	Zeneca	2.400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3872.26 (+29.83)
S&P Composite .... 474.82 (+2.35)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 18973.70 (+396.44)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10774.25 (+597.74)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 420.62 (+4.97)

Sydney: AO .... 2206.4 (+28.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2141.82 (-22.84)

FT 30 share: .... 2612.3 (+34.7)

Brussels:
General .... 7591.57 (-35.61)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2263.25 (+10.06)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 709.00 (+6.40)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1691.38 (+18.26)
FT Non Financials .... 1802.63 (+17.91)
FT Gold Mines .... 245.7 (+2.8)
FT Fixed Interest .... 131.64 (-0.27)
FT Govt Secs .... 105.77 (-0.23)
Bargains 43321
SEAQ Volume 1023.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 158.45 (+0.29)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 10	*January 21*	*April 7*	*April 18*

Call options taken on 14/1/94: Arcon, Brent Walker Pf, Butte Mining, Christie, Coal Im., Dewhurst, LIT Hldgs, PizzaExpress, Pressac, Ricardo, Sleepy Kids, TR Tech, Tullow Oil, Vodafone, WPP, Wilshaw. **Puts:** Land Secs, Navan Res, PizzaExpress, Wilshaw. **Puts & Calls:** Cannon St, Fisons, Hanson Wts, Ladbroke.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3362.0	3432.0	3376.0	3416.0	18755
Previous open interest: 73282	Jun 94	3403.5	3438.5	3395.0	3430.0	1192
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.64	94.67	94.63	94.65	13934
Previous open interest: 419689	Jun 94	94.76	94.81	94.75	94.79	17184
	Sep 94	94.76	94.80	94.75	94.78	6794
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.58	96.58	96.58	96.58	5
Previous open interest: 9726	Jun 94	96.30	96.30	96.30	96.27	39
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.43	94.47	94.40	94.44	63167
Previous open interest: 827292	Jun 94	94.83	94.90	94.83	94.88	55657
Long Gilt	Mar 94	118-08	118-11	117-25	118-01	100594
Previous open interest: 105662	Jun 94	117-12	117-17	117-11	117-13	90
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	116.70	116.96	116.63	116.76	3187
	Jun 94				115.76	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.68	100.78	100.50	100.65	187984
Previous open interest: 152514	Jun 94	100.55	100.70	100.55	100.61	221
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.12	103.26	103.12	103.22	976
Previous open interest: 10110	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	94.02	94.06	94.02	94.02	1297
Previous open interest: 35833	Jun 94	94.54	94.57	94.51	94.54	799
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.22	96.23	96.18	96.21	4777
Previous open interest: 54085	Jun 94	96.50	96.52	96.48	96.50	1728
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.71	118.05	117.50	117.92	42717
Previous open interest: 87856	Jun 94	117.70	118.00	117.70	117.98	64

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 82.7 (day's range 82.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9201-2.9264	2.9225-2.9261	¼pr-¼ds	¼ds-par
Brussels	54.40-54.57	54.40-54.51	8-12ds	23-30ds
Copenhagen	10.1040-10.1240	10.1060-10.1210	½-1½ds	1½-2½ds
Dublin	1.0430-1.0470	1.0435-1.0465	5-8ds	16-21ds
Frankfurt	2.6080-2.6149	2.6092-2.6125	⅛-¼ds	¼-¾ds
Lisbon	262.69-263.78	262.80-263.43	95-172ds	320-412ds
Madrid	214.99-215.60	215.11-215.42	67-76ds	177-191ds
Milan	2541.90-2549.60	2541.90-2546.00	5-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	1.9640-1.9719	1.9687-1.9716	0.31-0.26pr	0.57-0.48pr
New York	1.4910-1.4925	1.4915-1.4925	0.31-0.30pr	0.83-0.81pr
Oslo	11.2430-11.2670	11.2500-11.2660	½-¾ds	¾-1¼ds
Paris	8.8520-8.8730	8.8590-8.8730	¾-1ds	1½-2¼ds
Stockholm	12.1900-12.2430	12.2190-12.2430	1⅞-3¼ds	4⅞-6ds
Tokyo	165.85-166.38	165.85-166.12	1½-¾pr	1¾-1½pr
Vienna	18.33-18.39	18.36-18.39	¾pr-¾ds	1½-1pr
Zurich	2.2051-2.2139	2.2066-2.2097	⅞-¾pr	2⅛-1⅞pr

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4868-1.4894
Australia dollar	2.1608-2.1655
Bahrain dinar	0.557-0.569
*Brazil cruzeiro**	568.38-589.97
Cyprus pound	0.767-0.777
Finland markka	8.4945-8.6105
Greece drachma	372.0-379.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5187-11.5280
India rupee	46.41-47.37
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4405-0.4505
Malaysia ringgit	4.0734-4.0837
Mexico peso	4.58-4.68
New Zealand dollar	2.6672-2.6739
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.537-5.663
Singapore dollar	2.3963-2.3994
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4177-6.4968
S Africa rand (com)	5.0983-5.1040
U A E dirham	5.423-5.547

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4507-1.4528
Austria	12.33-12.34
Belgium (Com)	36.50-36.54
Canada	1.3178-1.3188
Denmark	6.7983-6.8033
France	5.9432-5.9482
Germany	1.7515-1.7525
Hong Kong	7.7255-7.7265
Ireland	1.4224-1.4254
Italy	1709.8-1711.3
Japan	111.23-111.33
Malaysia	2.732-2.737
Netherlands	1.9617-1.9627
Norway	7.561-7.566
Portugal	176.6-176.9
Singapore	1.6075-1.6085
Spain	144.38-144.48
Sweden	8.2023-8.2123
Switzerland	1.482-1.483

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 3¾ Week fixed: 5½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 1/16; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth 4 31/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 3/16-5⅛	5 3/16-5 1/16	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5 5/16-5¼	5¼-5 3/16	5¼-5 3/16
Interbank:	5½-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5 5/16-5¼	5 5/16-5 3/16	5⅜-5 3/16

Overnight: open 4¾, close 3¾.

Local Authority Deps:	5⅜	n/a	5¼	5⅜	5¼
Sterling CDs:	5 5/16-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5 5/16-5¼	5 3/16-5⅛	5 3/16-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.03	n/a	3.15-3.12	3.33-3.27	3.67-3.64
Building Society CDs:	5 5/16-5 3/16	5 5/16-5 3/16	5 5/16-5 3/16	5 5/16-5 3/16	5⅜-5¼

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £958m allotted: £200m: Bids: £98.77% received: 18%: Last week: £98.78% received: 77%: Avge rate: £4.8094% last wk £4.8909%: Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2½	3⅛-2⅞	3¼-3	3⅜-3⅛	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅝-5½	6½-5½
French Franc:	6⅝-6½	6 9/16-6 7/16	6 5/16-6 3/16	6-5⅞	7-6¼
Swiss Franc:	4¼-4	4⅛-3⅞	4-3⅞	3⅞-3¾	4⅛-3⅛
Yen:	2⅛-2 1/16	2⅛-2 1/16	2⅛-2 1/16	2⅛-2	2¼-1⅜

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $389.40-389.80 - Close $389.40-389.90 High: $391.75-392.25 Low: $388.70-389.20 Krugerrand: $389.00-391.00 (£260.00-262.00)
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.00 (£60.50-62.50) New $91.00-93.00 (£60.50-62.50)
Platinum: $389.50 (£261.60) **Silver:** $5.19 (£3.475) **Palladium:** $123.75 (£83.10)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	600	52	67	74	1	10	22
(*646)	650	11	35	43	13	29	44
Argyll	300	9	22	28	7	17	27
(*306)	330	1	9	15	32	37	45
ASDA	60	4	8	11	1	5	6
(*63)	70	1	4	6	5	11	12
Boots	550	22	39	50	4	17	28
(*566)	600	1	17	26	35	45	55
Br Airways	460	30	46	56	2	14	24
(*486)	500	9	23	35	19	32	44
BP	360	12	25	33	4	15	29
(*367)	390	2	11	19	24	27	37
Br Steel	120	5	11	16	2	7	11
(*125)	130	1	6	11	3	13	16
C & W	500	16	35	50	7	21	31
(*507)	525	5	25	37	22	34	45
CU	650	21	34	50	5	24	30
(*662)	700	3	15	27	39	57	59
ICI	750	31	52	65	5	33	43
(*774)	800	6	26	42	31	62	71
Kingfshr	700	26	62	75	5	20	30
(*706)	750	4	35	49	27	43	54
Land Sec	700	49	64	72	1	8	19
(*745)	750	5	30	40	13	26	42
M & S	420	34	44	49	1	7	13
(*451)	460	5	20	25	13	27	30
Nat West	550	45	54	63	1	14	21
(*591)	600	9	27	36	16	29	43
Sainsbury	460	21	29	45	2	15	25
(*477)	500	2	18	29	27	36	47
Shell	700	25	37	49	3	22	29
(*715)	750	2	17	27	32	57	58
SmKl Bch	420	12	30	43	9	25	34
(*422)	460	1	14	27	39	50	59
Storehse	220	19	26	32	1	5	10
(*237)	240	4	14	20	7	14	19
Trafalgar	90	5	11	16	4	9	13
(*97)	100	2	7	12	11	15	19
Unilever	1150	27	53	73	8	38	52
(*1165)	1200	5	27	45	41	67	78
Zeneca	800	45	64	80	5	27	39
(*833)	850	12	35	54	25	55	65

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met	460	32	44	52	7	16	21
(*490)	500	9	22	31	29	37	42
Ladbroke	200	16	23	29	7	17	22
(*207)	220	7	14	20	19	29	34
Utd Bisc	360	27	33	39	6	16	27
(*379)	390	10	16	24	20	33	39

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	1000	52	90	98	2	20	34
(*1044)	1050	15	49	68	14	41	56
Thames W	550	36	52	61	1	10	25
(*584)	600	4	22	32	20	30	49

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAT Ind	500	26	45	51	7	19	29
(*526)	550	5	17	27	30	44	54
BTR	330	35	39	46	2	5	13
(*359)	360	13	19	24	12	22	26
Br Aero	420	23	41	52	19	35	44
(*423)	460	8	24	36	46	60	68
Br Telcm	420	45	52	59	2	6	9
(*457)	460	14	25	33	11	17	25
Cadbury	492	41	49	—	3	12	—
(*528)	542	11	19	—	22	32	—
Guinness	460	29	37	48	9	21	29
(*475)	500	9	14	29	30	44	52
GEC	330	12	20	25	7	24	27
(*332)	360	2	9	12	30	35	39
Hanson	260	17	20	24	3	8	12
(*272)	280	5	11	14	12	18	22
LASMO	120	9	16	22	8	14	18
(*121)	130	6	12	17	15	20	24
Lucas	200	16	22	27	5	11	15
(*208)	220	5	12	19	16	21	26
Pilkngtn	190	13	19	24	5	11	14
(*196)	200	4	9	15	17	22	26
Prudential	360	16	23	29	8	19	22
(*360)	390	4	9	16	27	35	41
Redland	550	56	65	71	4	19	26
(*590)	600	25	34	43	21	42	50
Royal Ins	317	17	—	—	4	—	—
(*325)	346	5	—	—	25	—	—
Tesco	240	11	15	22	9	17	22
(*240)	260	3	8	15	24	32	34
Vodafone	550	58	76	90	9	22	37
(*594)	600	25	47	63	29	44	57
Williams	360	34	40	46	3	10	15
(*389)	390	14	22	28	13	24	29

FT-SE INDEX (*3398)

	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500
Calls						
Jan	162	114	68	31	11	3
Feb	195	140	103	71	46	29
Mar	196	158	123	93	68	47
Apr	213	175	142	112	67	66
Jun	—	211	—	151	—	102
Puts						
Jan	2	4	10	27	58	105
Feb	18	26	39	58	84	118
Mar	32	44	59	80	105	135
Apr	39	61	77	97	122	152
Jun	—	87	—	125	—	177

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	500	34	43	52	15	22	31
(*519)	550	10	19	30	45	52	59
Amstrad	40	7	8	12	2	4	5
(*44)	45	4	7	9	4	6	7
Barclays	550	60	67	77	11	16	24
(*598)	600	27	37	49	30	37	47
Blue Circ	360	25	32	42	17	23	35
(*365)	390	10	19	29	34	46	53
Br Gas	330	20	25	30	8	16	20
(*339)	360	6	11	16	24	35	38
Dixons	220	19	27	30	10	14	21
(*229)	240	10	17	21	21	25	33
Forte	260	30	34	39	6	12	16
(*281)	280	17	23	29	14	22	26
Hillsdwn	180	14	17	21	7	15	17
(*183)	200	5	8	12	21	29	30
Lonrho	140	15	20	26	8	12	16
(*147)	160	7	12	17	20	25	29
Sears	120	9	12	14	4	7	9
(*123)	130	5	7	9	11	14	15
Thrn Eml	1050	56	82	98	26	39	60
(*1069)	1100	31	55	72	52	64	87
Tomkins	240	23	29	34	6	9	14
(*256)	260	10	17	23	15	18	24
TSB	260	16	24	30	11	17	22
(*267)	280	7	15	21	24	29	33
Wellcome	650	44	60	79	32	49	59
(*652)	700	23	39	57	63	78	89

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Glaxo	650	57	77	91	32	46	60
(*675)	700	33	55	67	59	72	88
HSBC	900	57	77	93	49	67	76
(*910)	950	35	58	72	80	96	105
Reuter	1900	102	148	175	94	129	133
(*1902)	1950	77	122	149	123	146	158

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
R-Royce	156	14	—	—	4	—	—
(*163)	176	4	—	—	16	—	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Fisons	140	16	24	30	13	19	24
(*142)	160	9	16	22	26	32	36

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastrn Elc	600	42	56	67	6	13	25
(*640)	650	13	26	38	29	36	50

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	460	30	41	52	18	25	35
(*467)	500	13	24	34	41	49	59
Scot Pwr	420	31	42	50	10	16	24
(*441)	460	11	22	31	32	37	45

January 14, 1994 Tot: 39025 Call: 19680 Put: 19345 FT-SE Call: 14551 Put: 9127
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: London cocoa closed firmly in the plus column although well off highs scored in early trade. Coffee remained neglected, ending at the low end of it's recent range. White sugar firmed behind New York although trading remained thin. Wheat and barley futures finished a thinly traded session with prices easing.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	922-921	May	994-993
May	930-929	Jul	1004-1002
Jul	947-941	Sep	1014-1012
Sep	956-954	Dec	1034-1024
Dec	969-966		
Mar	682-681		Volume: 14500

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1175-1172	Sep	1191-1185
Mar	1190-1158	Nov	1193-1180
May	1191-1190	Jan	1193-1191
Jul	1156-1154		Volume: 2207

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	11.11-11.39
Spot 227.60		Jan	10.96-11.45
Mar	10.72-10.85	Mar	10.90-11.30
May	11.25-11.25	May	10.95-11.30
Jul	11.41-11.57		Volume: 7

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	286.0-84.6
Spot: 290.6		Dec	285.5-82.6
Mar	299.5-89.0	Mar	286.5-84.1
May	297.5-91.0	May	289.4-85.2
Aug	296.5-95.5		Volume: 543

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	65.57	97.29	120.88
(+/-)	+3.14	-6.20	+0.34
Eng/Wales	65.57	97.25	120.61
(+/-)	+3.14	-4.81	+0.32
(%)	+0.9	-19.1	-4.9
Scotland:	n/a	97.49	123.53
(+/-)	n/a	-7.15	+0.98
(%)	n/a	-24.5	-15.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	..	Mar	unq	..
Sep	unq	..			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	99.80
Mar	100.90
May	101.90
Jun	102.40
Sep	91.35
	Volume: 42

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	104.25
Mar	105.60
May	107.00
Sep	92.80
Nov	94.95
	Volume: 1

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	-
Dec	-
Feb	-
Apr	-
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	140.0
Apr	108.5	108.7
May	127.5	128.0
		Volume: 38

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Feb 61.00-61.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Cold weather in the US helped the whole oil market to end the week on an upward trend.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.10	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Feb)	14.00	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Mar)	14.00	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	15.00	+0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	15.20	+0.40

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	145 (n/c)	146 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	153 (+5)	154 (+5)
Non EEC 1H Jan	156 (+6)	158 (+5)
Non EEC 1H Feb	156 (+5)	158 (+5)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (+1)	59 (+1)
Naphtha	129 (+1)	132 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Feb	150.25-50.50	May	145.25-45.50
Mar	147.75-48.00	Jun	145.50-45.75
Apr	146.00-46.25	Jul	146.50-47.25
			Vol: 28977

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	13.92-13.94	May	14.27 BID
Mar	13.98-14.00	Jun	14.45-14.50
Apr	14.10-14.14		Vol: 39059

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	144.00 SLR	May	unq
Mar	unq	Jun	
Apr			Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 94	1264	1255	1256
Feb 94	1310	1300	1300
Mar 94	1330	1320	1325
Apr 94	1345	1327	1327

Vol: 265 lots. Open int'st: 2545 Index 1240 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1809.0-1810.0	1829.0-1830.0	173410
Lead ($/tonne)	500.50-501.00	513.00-514.00	164150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1013.0-1014.0	1032.0-1033.0	583025
Tin ($/tonne)	4945.0-4955.0	5000.0-5005.0	17595
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1188.5-1189.5	1206.0-1206.5	1574625
Nickel ($/tonne)	5755.0-5756.0	5800.0-5805.0	54396



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After the floods, the claims come in

Some insurers are going straight out to assess damage and give advice on the spot, says Sara McConnell



People caught out by rising water could face a possibility of higher insurance premiums, particularly if they live in an area where there is a history of flooding

Chichester and the surrounding West Sussex villages have been playing a waiting game for the past two weeks. No one knows where or whether the flood waters of the rising River Lavant are about to strike. On Wednesday, it was the turn of householders in Singleton, a small village north of Chichester, to wake up to the unwelcome sight of water lapping in and around the houses.

Seven people were evacuated from their homes by RNLI lifeboats. Others watched disconsolately in pouring rain as teams of firemen set up pumps and hoses to try and rid houses of filthy river water. The road across the swollen river was impassable, except by police Land Rovers and two daring teenage cyclists. Motorists leaving the village were forced to a single file crawl.

Insurance claims will follow. Carpets, curtains, soft furnishings and electrical equipment could all have to be replaced, or at least cleaned. In some cases, wooden kitchen units will be permanently distorted. Water in cellars could cause long-term structural damage. Sewage has been escaping into homes, according to West Sussex County Council. But although serious floods in Llandudno and Towyn in Wales and Perth in Scotland have prepared insurers and loss adjusters for flood damage, this year's inundations, in West Sussex and elsewhere, are different. They have not come and gone in a single tidal wave, but have risen and stayed. Claims hotlines set up by insurers have been strangely silent.

Deborah Tomkins, of the Portsmouth office of Thomas Howell Group, the loss adjusters says: "We don't know what we're getting but there is worse to come. It's never been like this before — usually the phones don't stop ringing."

Some insurance companies and agents have been waiting for their policyholders to contact them. Others are taking a more active stance.

Abbey National believes it has at least 1,000 homeowners who could be affected in flooded areas in a five-mile band around Chichester. The bank markets and administers household and contents insurance for one million of its borrowers, underwritten by one of a panel of three insurers, Royal Insurance, Legal & General and Commercial Union. Joanna Dalton, Abbey's claims manager for the past two years, is not content to wait for policyholders to come to her. Instead, she is telephoning and visiting them to assess the damage and give advice on claims. She is accompanied by Miss Tomkins, who is acting as loss adjuster for the three Abbey insurers, and Kay Walker, manager of Abbey's Chichester branch.

Miss Dalton, a veteran of Llandudno and Perth, got lists of all Abbey policyholders in the Chichester area. One of her first tasks is to eliminate all those unaffected by floods, using information from County Hall, where an emergency bunker has been set up. Soldiers and firemen taking a rest from building bridges and pumping water out of the sodden streets watch as flood damage is mapped. The county council is standing by with alternative accommodation and feeding centres. The Association of British Insurers has set up an emergency caravan to handle enquiries from policyholders. Martin O'Neill, of West Sussex County Council, reports that Singleton is flooded.

Abbey has several policyholders in Singleton, all of whom appear to have escaped being flooded. Plans to visit policyholders in the village of East Dean, were temporarily scrapped on hearing that it was under four feet of water. The party returned to Abbey's Chichester branch to decide their next move, but had barely laid out their lists when the order came to evacuate. The Lavant had burst its banks again.

PETER TREVOR



Abbey National's team assesses the damage in Singleton

Insurers intend to fine-tune rates for buildings cover by a more precise use of postcodes

Thousands of householders mopping up and assessing damage after last week's widespread flooding could be hit again when they come to renew their buildings insurance — this time in the pocket.

Sun Alliance, the largest buildings insurer, said this week that it is to follow Norwich Union's example and charge higher premiums to those living in areas where there is a history of flooding.

The company will be introducing new rates in the next few months that it says will reflect more accurately the risk of a claim in any area. Legal & General is reviewing its premiums, and says "all insurers are going through the same thought process".

Since 1991, insurance companies have charged different rates for buildings cover depending on the first letters of the property's postcode, for example SE13 or GU1. Before different rates were brought in, all householders paid £2 per £1,000 of cover.

The new rating system was introduced mainly so that companies could charge higher premiums for homes believed to be more at risk from subsidence. Dry summers in 1989 and 1990 had led to huge increases in subsidence claims (and subsequently huge losses for insurers).

Southeastern and London postcodes tended to attract higher premiums because homes were built on clay, while those in parts of Scotland built on rock were considered less prone to subsidence. Premiums typically range from £1.80 per £1,000 of cover for the least risky areas to £4 per £1,000 of cover for highest-risk areas. Risks include floods, other weather-related claims, fire, and subsidence.

Now, insurers concede this is too clumsy. They have been criticised by householders who find themselves paying a higher premium because part of their postcode area happens to contain a risk. Norwich Union says the system "has discriminated against householders put into a higher rating band because of a risk in their area — say an underground mine — which is not directly applicable to their property".

About 8,000 properties usually share the same first three or four postcode letters. Norwich Union is now using the first digit of the last three letters of the code as well, shared by only about 70 homes. Sun Alliance will use a similar system and others are expected to follow suit.

An estimated 30 per cent of Norwich Union's policyholders will end up paying more, while 5 per cent will pay the same and 65 per cent will pay less. Rates charged by other insurers may vary, depending on claims experience.

In one postcode area of Guildford, for example, where homeowners are paying £2.50, the highest risk sectors of that postcode will pay £2.80 while those in low risk sectors will pay £1.70. High-risk sectors could include homes built on low-lying ground near rivers.

However, most people in Chichester and other parts of the country where the present floods are the first they have had for more than 100 years are not likely to be considered a higher risk over one flood.

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild

- ☐ Turn off electricity and have wiring checked.
- ☐ Have water and gas supplies checked.
- ☐ Check cold water tank for contamination.
- ☐ Call builder to flush through pipes to clear mud. Costs of these will be covered by the insurance policy
- ☐ If cooking or heating facilities are out of action, insurance should pay for alternative accommodation.
- ☐ Lift and inspect floors and floor voids for water.
- ☐ Drill holes to allow water to drain away from cavity walls.
- ☐ Call local environmental health officer to advise on clearing home of mud and silt, and disinfecting.
- ☐ To dry out, hire a professional dehumidifier.
- ☐ Take up loose floor covers and carpets for drying.
- ☐ Lift floorboards to increase airflow under floors.
- ☐ Strip wallpaper to help walls dry out.

Source: The Loss Assessing Company

Wheeze we'd sooner forget



LINDSAY COOK
Deputy Business Editor

The insurance companies have come up with a wonderful wheeze to boost their profits. We, the customers, should pay back any money we have received through making "artificially inflated" claims and they will then continue to offer insurance cover for our homes, cars and other possessions.

The Association of British Insurers is thinking of offering its customers an amnesty, with a period of grace for policyholders to change any untrue declarations on application forms or pay back embellished or false claims.

After this, the insurers would clamp down on claims and customers they regard as dishonest. This could be anyone. The customer who years ago was turned down on the phone by a direct insurer, because he or she wanted cover for a Porsche that was going to be parked on the street of an inner city, might now find that cover for a garaged mini is called into question if the application failed to declare the earlier refusal. A customer who does not submit a very low estimate for repair work, fearing that the work would be substandard, may find that the higher claim is regarded as fraudulent.

The idea of an amnesty could also be adopted by customers, of course. We could offer a moratorium to insurers. We will forget the tardiness in paying out, the insistence on always choosing the cheapest bodge-it merchants to do a job. If the companies agree for a period to assume that all customers are honest unless they have firm evidence to the contrary, then, who knows, the fraught relationship between the two may get better. Last year Dr Julian Farrand, the insurance ombudsman, called on the insurance industry to be more honest in its dealings with suspected fraud. It appears that too many claims are turned down because the company suspects they are dishonest but is afraid to say so. It relies on small-print exclusions and expects the ombudsman to tell the customers the claims are fraudulent.

It is not a happy situation and the companies are right that something needs to be done. A reduction in the amount of small print and making policies easier to understand may do more to eliminate the problem.

Over-investment

Some insurance companies were rubbing their hands with glee this week at the prospect that the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) might be rent asunder before it can start regulating the investment industry this summer. Standard Life's representative on the board of the PIA resigned this week and the company said it supported the idea of statutory regulation instead of the new authority. Others whooped in support.

The reason for the sudden lobby for government control instead of self-regulation is that PIA seems determined to serve the public interest. It has decided in principle that its board should have a majority of public interest, rather than industry members.

This is not what the life industry wants. It has dominated the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Organisation and does not want to hand over its position to industry rivals, let alone outsiders.

When it meets next week the PIA board will decide on its final composition. It needs to indicate quickly the type of public-interest members it is seeking. There must be some lawyers, accountants, educators and, dare I say it, consumers who could fairly and intelligently adjudicate on the investment industry.

We have long campaigned for a majority of public-interest members on the grounds that if the industry is doing its best to be honest and scrupulous in the way it sells its products it has nothing to fear from outsiders assessing its efforts. The Securities and Investments Board (SIB) first indicated in January last year that it too supported a public-interest majority. The insurers were not concerned then. But in the last few weeks, self-regulation may have begun to bite. SIB has published a report on the shortcomings of pension transfers that has sent the insurance industry into apoplexy as it considers the compensation that may have to be paid out and the damage to its image.

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The burnt-out executive, like Joanna Kanska in Thames Television's *Capital City*, may no longer qualify for benefit

Long-term sick face poverty

Jill Insley says attempts to cut the cost of Social Security could force office and skilled workers into manual jobs

The Government's attempt to cut the cost of Social Security will leave many, particularly skilled, workers facing financial hardship if they fall ill.

Martin Werth, deputy actuary for Munich Reinsurance, a company which provides insurance cover for insurance companies, says that if proposals published in the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Bill this week are passed by Parliament, some disabled people or those suffering from long-term illnesses, could be on the poverty line.

Invalidity benefit was set up to protect the employed and self-employed who are unable to work through sickness or disability. Over time, the definition of incapacity for work broadened, until invalidity benefits became payable to those who could not work because there was no type of work which they could be reasonably expected to do. So a company director who could no longer fulfil his role because of stress would be eligible, although it is likely he could do some other work.

As a result, invalidity claims have tripled from 500,000 in 1976 to 1.5 million in 1992. But in the November Budget, the Chancellor tightened the rules by introducing a new incapacity benefit to replace invalidity benefit from April 1995. The new benefit is not available to those who, although unable to pursue their former career, would be able to do some other work. This is particularly likely to affect skilled workers.

Mr Werth says: "Those who are unable to carry out their own occupation, but could do some other work would receive no incapacity benefit. The only state benefit would be Income Support, which is means tested."

While the invalidity benefit is paid in full after 28 weeks of sickness, the incapacity benefit will be paid at an intermediate level after 28 weeks, and in full only after 52 weeks.

The additional pension, which was the only earnings-related component of the invalidity benefit and which would be worth up to £60 a week, will be withdrawn. Its replacement is a flat-rate benefit dependent on the age of the claimant, and is not payable to those aged 45 or over. The adult dependant allowance will only be paid to those aged 60 and over, or with dependent children.

Finally, benefits will be taxable from April 1995. This will result in a fall in benefits of up to 5 per cent for those relying solely on state benefits. Claimants with other income will be taxed at a marginal rate of tax.

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Rose Wild explains how it is possible to avoid paying any VAT on fuel bills when it is imposed by the electricity companies and by British Gas on March 31, and how to halve it next year

Rather as motorists rush to fill their tanks after a Budget, gas and electricity customers anticipating imposition of VAT at 8 per cent from March 31, 1994, and 17.5 per cent a year later, have been enquiring about the possibility of paying early. While British Gas says it will give advice on request but is not soliciting early payments, electricity companies are actively sending information to customers as to how to pay early and avoid VAT.

It is estimated 10 per cent of customers will take advantage of this opportunity, at a huge cost to the Exchequer. Customs and Excise says there is no loophole and pre-paying is standard business practice. East Midlands Electricity, which is sending leaflets on early payment with blank bills for customers to return with their cheques, says it has cleared the practice with Customs and Excise. It said: "We will have a system ready in case customers want to pre-pay and have given them guidance."

The electricity companies vary in their arrangements for receiving extra cash, but insist they do not anticipate administrative difficulties. Yorkshire Electricity is sending leaflets customers can return to express their interest. They have received 1,500 back so far and hope this will give them an idea of potential take-up. London Electricity were vague on the question of whether customers needed to send a covering note with their payment to explain its purpose. East Midlands said: "We have the facilities to meet the need." It is telling customers they should give ample time for their cheques to clear. "It is no use rushing in on March 31 and banging a cheque in. We have told customers cheques should be in no later than March 25."

> ☐ The average fuel bill for the British household is about £750 a year. In the first year of of VAT on fuel, at 8 per cent, this means an increase of £60; in the following year, when VAT goes up to 17.5 per cent, it means an increase of £131. Therefore, if customers pre-pay £1,500 before March 31, they will save themselves about £191 in VAT.
> If that £1,500 were invested in a typical building society instant access account, it would earn interest over two years of just over £82.

The electricity companies' enthusiasm for saving their customers tax is not entirely altruistic. While customers who pre-pay will make savings that compare relatively favourably with other avaialable savings vehicles, the suppliers will find themselves in the enviable position of having large amounts of cash in the bank. Industry analysts say that, while pre-payment deprives you of cash flow later, it is always better to be paid in advance if the money is invested well. "It is a win/win situation. The customers gain too. The only loser is the tax man."

British Gas is not telling its customers of special arrangements, but is prepared for enquiries. "We are aware the electricity companies are sending information to customers," said a spokesman, "but we do not believe it is our role to encourage customers to take advantage of it. If they ring us we will give them information. So far we've had a handful of inquiries, but we've geared up for a flood in February and March."

British Gas will tell its customers that they may pay in advance, and that, for as long as they are in credit before the end of March, they will not pay VAT. It is important that they notify the gas company they are paying extra with the intention of being in credit to avoid VAT. Otherwise, they might simply get a refund.

If customers top up their account in the year from March 31, 1994, they will get credit at 8 per cent in 1995, instead of the 17.5 per cent they would normally be charged. This is because VAT is payable when payment is made, not when goods are supplied.

Whether this windfall will gain the customer even more by way of lower prices later is unclear. The Office of Electricity Regulation, the industry watchdog, said it will monitor progress to see how many people pay early and decide later whether it should act. Ofgas, which regulates British Gas, said that as it was a unique occasion, it did not feel it was a matter for its attention.

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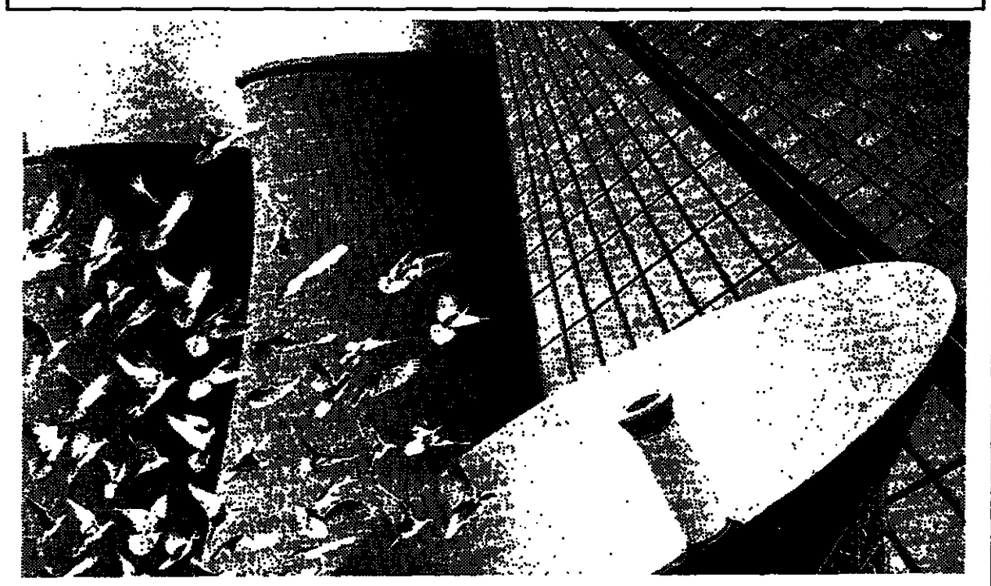
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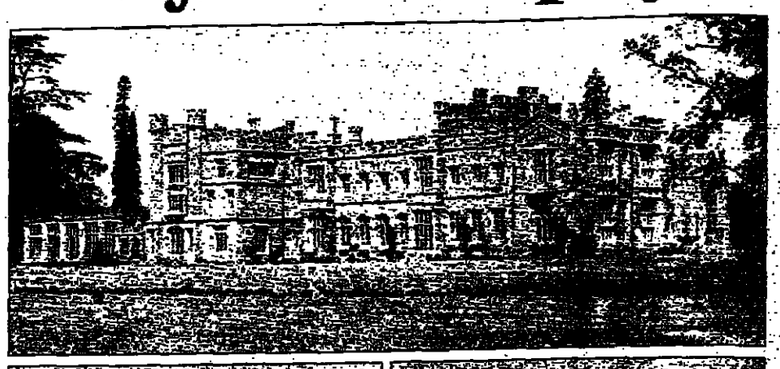
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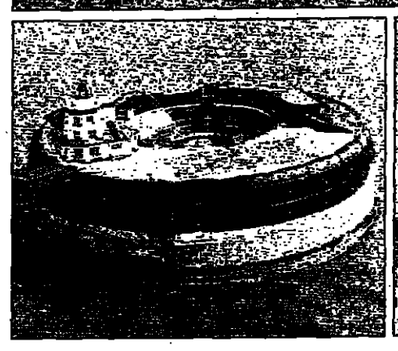
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Valuers have to reflect what buyers will pay

Liz Dolan says that borrowers should test their house valuations by comparing with similar properties







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Nervous surveyors could slow down the recovery in the housing market for at least the next three years. Rory Adams-Cairns, a director of the residential arm of Savills, the chartered surveyor, said litigious lenders, who have lost money by selling repossessed properties into a falling market, have made surveyors so cautious of overvaluing properties that they are tending to undervalue to avert any future problems.

Professional indemnity insurers, who normally foot the bill when surveyors err, have started to charge clients excesses of up to £100,000 per claim, Mr Adams-Cairns said.

"So, a small firm valuing properties worth between £50,000 and £100,000 at £200 a time, and with a mistake rate of one in every 200, cannot make any money. To my mind, fees should go up. That's unlikely in this market place, so the only option is to be cautious."

The current rash of cases relate to valuations made between 1988 and 1991. Such cases must be brought within six years of valuation, which means that the current witch-hunt could continue until 1997.

These three years began with the hysterical market that developed in the run-up to the abolition of double mortgage tax relief in August 1988, when people were paying silly prices for anything that had a roof and walls, and ended in what Georgina Squires, a recovery litigation lawyer, described as "hope valuations" because everyone believed that house prices could never fall.

Ms Squires, who specialises in recovering money for mortgage lenders from negligent advisers, said that lenders do not sue without very good reason.

They are also concerned about the effect that such actions were having on the market. She said: "I think it would be horrific if they were just trying to recoup their losses." However, she agreed that her workload has increased by "300 or 400 per cent" in the current litigation boom.

Chris Shaw, managing director, Hambro Countrywide Surveyors, is more optimistic than Mr Adams-Cairns. He said: "I think valuation litigation has reached a plateau and should start to dwindle in around six months' time."

Although fear of being sued may affect a surveyor's valuation, "many of the problems are due to the low level of housing activity and the very high level of repossessions", Mr Shaw said.

The former means that surveyors had very few comparable property sales on which to base valuations; the latter means that many properties are sold for much less than would normally be expected because they were run-down and ill-cared for.

"Some valuers are over-influenced by these lower prices, but I really do think that problems with valuation will disappear rapidly now that the market appears to have bottomed out," he added.

Unlike many surveyors, Mr Shaw considers the agreed purchase price as "probably the single most important piece of evidence. Buyers now tend to look at an awful lot of properties and are as knowledgeable as anyone".

But Mr Adams-Cairns disagreed. "The agreed price is irrelevant. If you're only rubber stamping, why bother to employ a surveyor in the first place? Of course it's harder to find comparables at times of low activity, but it can be just as difficult when the market is busy, because prices are often moving so fast that comparables can be inappropriate," he said.

In one street of apparantly similar houses, prices may in any case vary by as much as 25 per cent because, for instance, one overlooks a factory, or is near a junction, he said. "There is a line between sensible cautious and negligently cautious. In my view, someone who undervalues is as negligent as one that overvalues. It damages the borrower and could depress values."

However, there is little the borrower — or vendor — can do against a ridiculously low valuation. "The only provable loss is the valuation fee. If I were the poor old borrower, I would interrogate the valuer to see what comparable value they were relying on. Don't believe them if they say the information is confidential. In the market place, information of this nature is permanently traded among estate agents, so I believe it would be quite proper to release it to the borrower. If it is painfully obvious that there are no real comparables, then I hope the surveyor would review his decision."

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No rush for Funeral Ombudsman's job

The funeral industry is seeking to make itself more accountable to the public in the face of growing criticism

A good job is hard to find these days, but the number of people eager to become Funeral Ombudsman is, at first glance, surprising. "People have been approaching us, asking to be considered for the job," said Alan Edwards, president of the Funeral Standards Council.

"I suppose we've had three, four or five approaches depending on how seriously you class them. One or two are serious applicants with ombudsman experience in other areas."

The Funeral Ombudsman should be appointed within the next two months. Next week the Funeral Standards Council will announce the chairman of the bureau which will set the new ombudsman's terms of reference.

The bureau, made up of a lay chairman and six members, the majority of whom will be from outside the funeral industry, will sit in February. "The ombudsman will be appointed from there," said Alan Edwards.

The job will be more meritorious than macabre for the successful applicant. The industry aim is to counter growing criticism of the funeral industry by more objective regulation.

There is already a National Association of Funeral Directors with a code of practice and which takes up complaints on behalf of the public. The newer Funeral Standards Council is the prime mover behind the ombudsman scheme.

Barbara Saunders, a consumer affairs consultant and chairman of the Council of the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau was commissioned to advise on the structure of the scheme last year.

A new code of practice has been submitted to the Office of Fair Trading but the OFT is considering a formal investigation into pre-paid funeral plans market.

This is a relatively new development in an industry which can truly claim to be the oldest profession in the world. "These plans are often held for a number of years," said an OFT spokesman. "One concern is that relatives might not know of a plan's existence."

A new trade association has been launched to cover these pre-paid plans. The National Association for Pre-Paid Funeral Plans will be bound by a code of practice to be drawn up in consultation with the OFT. Security of savers' funds is a priority, and a detailed complaints procedure is to be instituted.

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Where is the new pensioners' bond?

While the Government wrestles to set the terms for its National Savings newcomer aimed at over-65s, rivals are stepping up to compete. **Liz Dolan** reports

There is still no sign that the Government is preparing to publish details of its new savings bond for the over-65s. Expectations were that more information could be released in the first half of this month, but an imminent announcement is not on the cards, according to a spokeswoman for National Savings.

Building societies, banks and savers alike have been awaiting further information about National Savings' newest baby, inaccurately entitled the pensioners' guaranteed income bond, since its forthcoming birth was announced by Chancellor Kenneth Clarke in the November Budget.

One possible reason for a delay is the hideously difficult task the Government has set itself of locking savers into what Mr Clarke described in his Budget day speech as "a decent, fixed rate of return" for the next five years, at a time when interest rates are apparently at, or approaching, their lowest levels in the current cycle. Mr Clarke will also be anxious to avoid the fiasco of two years ago when the rates on the new NS First Option Bond were pitched so generously that building societies, who could not compete, staged a revolt. The bond was withdrawn and the rate lowered.

There is also the question of what will happen to the account if the investor dies. At the moment, premium bonds are the only National Savings product that cannot be passed on intact to an heir. A decision will therefore have to be made in this instance about what to do if the heir is under 65.

One of the most important features likely to come under scrutiny will be the maximum investment allowed. According to a senior industry figure, while most building societies will probably be able to stomach the idea of a £10,000 limit with relative ease, there is likely to be an outcry if investments of £50,000 or more are allowed. Another concern is that the Government may subsequently decide to widen the age band to take in the over 60s, or even the over 50s. These are particularly valuable markets because people in their 50s and early 60s are most likely to acquire substantial lump sums through, say, inheritance, long-term savings plans reaching maturity, early retirement, or redundancy. The original granny bonds were restricted to men over 65 and women over 60 when they were introduced in 1975, but the age restriction was gradually relaxed to include men over 60, then the over-50s and, finally, savers of all ages.

Few banks and building societies offer dedicated accounts for older people. Most are awaiting further details of the new pensioners' bond before deciding on a course of action. The Halifax, which promises to "respond if necessary", says it is already picking up a lot of business from the same market with its Guaranteed Reserve account, launched two years ago. This allows savers to invest at a fixed rate for six months to five years. It offers a monthly income option on all but the six-month bond. There is no maximum investment but there are only two tiers of rates, on investments of more than £2,000 and more than £10,000. In the six months from February to July last year, it helped push the Halifax's share of the liquid savings market from 9 per cent to 16 per cent.

Last month, Alliance & Leicester Building Society brought out Special Edition, a one-year bond with a monthly income option. There is no specific age limit. A&L has no desire to miss out on the pre-retirement market, and the interest rate is variable. The Hanley Economic, with five branches in and around Hanley, Staffordshire, has a special Growth Bond. The one, or two-year bond pays 5.25 per cent on balances between £25,000 and £75,000.

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Hanley Economic	Growth Bond	—	—	—	5.25	One or Two, Year Bond
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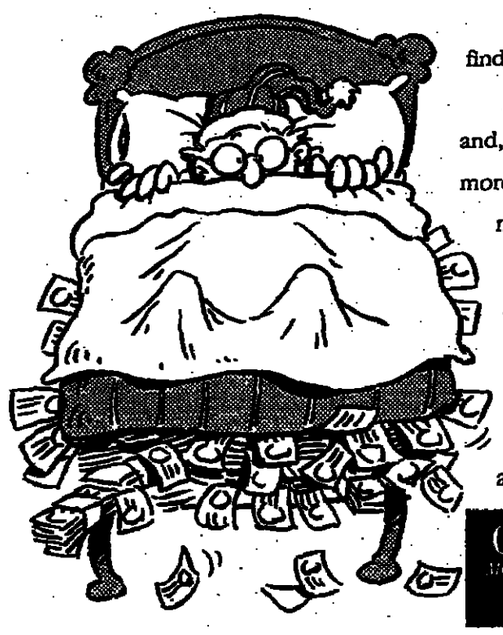
THE private investor wishing to invest in unit trusts will have a new dealing service available from this weekend, (Rose Wild writes). Fidelity Brokerage, the stockbroking arm of Fidelity Investments, is launching a telephone dealing and portfolio management service with access to all of the 1,400 UK unit trusts. Funds MarketPlace (sic) will not offer investors advice, but customers will receive a directory of unit trusts, and can ring, toll-free, for information on performances and on individual fund managers.

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New markets are risky

Robert Miller says analysts are sharply divided over how much of a portfolio should be invested in emerging markets



Turkey was the best performing emerging stock market last year, the worst in 1992

Investors are naturally being attracted by the froth surrounding the rapid growth of stock markets in emerging economies from Latin America to India and Eastern Europe to the Pacific rim. But much of this is pre-launch hype. Leading fund managers such as Fidelity, GT, Mercury and Schroders have all recently launched global emerging markets trusts and others are ready to follow.

Emerging stock markets paraded as brilliant performers always have another side. Last year, according to the World Bank, Turkey was the top performing market out of 60 emerging countries, gaining almost 218 per cent. In 1992, it was the worst.

But financial advisers and analysts generally agree that the rule of thumb that no more than 5 per cent of an overall portfolio should be invested in emerging stock markets needs to be revised upwards. However, opinion over just how much that increase needs to be is sharply divided.

There is also general agreement that cautious investors should avoid single-country funds and stick to unit or investment trust portfolios which cover several countries. Trying to invest directly in emerging stock markets is almost certainly a non-starter. Few, if any brokers, will oblige and dealing costs are prohibitive; research into company prospects is at best patchy and many of the markets are very illiquid. Currency switches could also wipe out any gains.

Peter Jeffreys, managing director of Fund Research, an independent firm of analysts, last year interviewed more than 200 managers of emerging stock market funds. He believes that such funds should now account for up to 25 per cent of portfolios depending on the degree of risk acceptable to individuals. He says that on statistical grounds alone such markets cannot be ignored. "These stock markets account for 6 per cent of the world's stock market capitalisation. That is about the same as the UK and bigger than France and Germany combined. They cover 80 per cent of the world's population and 15 per cent of its output measured by gross national product."

Arnab Banerji, chief investment officer for Foreign & Colonial's £2 billion emerging markets portfolio, also believes 25 per cent is an acceptable exposure to the sector. He says: "In the past, emerging economies have been at the mercy of either left or right wing regimes with a policy of centralising and controlling economic activity. This deterred investors from pumping money directly into these economies. Nowadays emerging stock markets operate in a much more relaxed environment. This attitude has encouraged institutions to inject cash which provides a solid platform for economic growth."

Not all advisers are so bullish. Robert Burdett, an investment manager of Berry Asset Management, a London firm of independent financial advisers, advises committing no more than 10 per cent of any portfolio to emerging markets. "Investors should be aware that there is a definite hype surrounding emerging market economies. For those who want exposure to emerging markets, stick to the well established groups with a proven track record in this type of specialist fund management."

John Legat, of GT's emerging markets team, says: "Investors must take a ten-year view of emerging markets as an investment and leave the individual market selection to a professional fund manager."

That selection could be widened in April, following democratic elections in South Africa. Mr Legat explains: "South Africa is the world's eighth largest stock market. After the elections we expect sanctions to be lifted and there is a possibility that the country will be officially classified as an emerging market because of its low per capita income."

It is important to put the more outrageous gains for emerging stock markets, such as Brazil's 4,000 per cent increase last year, into context. Mr Legat says: "Such gains are calculated in local currencies. By the time the very considerable transaction and currency exchange costs have been taken into account and the effect of local inflation has been added, the actual return to UK investors is very much less."

EMERGING MARKETS

Best Performing		Worst Performing	
1 Turkey	+217.9%	1 Venezuela	+13.9%
2 Philippines	+152%	2 Greece	+16.6%
3 Indonesia	+112.4%	3 South Korea	+20.4%
4 Malaysia	+107.3%	4 Peru	+20.9%
4 Thailand	+107.3%	5 India	+24.1%

Source: World Bank IFC. Investable Index. % gains in US$

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Owl	20.56	21.65	-0.07	
Bull	18.57	19.55	-0.10	
Stag	19.62	20.66	+0.01	
Gilt Edged	19.66	19.66	-0.05	
Deposit	15.44	15.44	-0.01	
Pensions				
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Bear	27.33	28.77	-0.15	
Owl	27.92	29.39	-0.11	
Bull	23.88	25.14	-0.23	
Stag	24.55	25.85	+0.03	
Gilt Edged	24.31	24.31	-0.05	
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N Amer Equity	295.59	311.14	-0.53	
Far East Equity	416.80	438.74	-31.62	
Fixed	308.28	324.51	-0.75	
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Property	140.95	148.37	-3.19	
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-do- Acc	233.10	245.40	-2.10	
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-do- Initial	277.40	292.10	-3.60	
Managed Acc	531.80	559.80	-1.90	
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Worldwide Gth	515.99	543.15	-16.61	...
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Smllr Cos Recov	678.28	713.98	+15.70	...
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German Growth	229.50	241.58	-4.31	
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Property Fund	181.20	190.80		
Managed Fund	627.20	660.30	-4.70	
Equity Fund	355.90	374.70	-4.00	
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	293.50	309.00	+1.20	
Ruby	168.10	177.00	-2.60	
Emerald	148.30	156.20	-0.20	
Equity	336.30	354.10	-0.40	
Property	203.80	214.60	+6.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	220.90	232.60	-0.50	
Indexed Secs	173.50	182.70	-1.50	
Cash	182.10	191.70	+0.10	
Nth American	217.30	228.80	+1.90	
Far East	339.90	357.80	-9.40	
International	234.30	246.70	-2.90	
Special Sits	328.60	345.90	-5.20	
Intl Income	298.40	314.20	-1.40	
American Inc	193.20	203.40	+0.60	
European	307.10	323.30	-2.10	
Japanese	133.90	141.00	-7.40	
SE Asia	396.20	417.10	-6.50	
With Profits Reg	154.60	162.80	+0.20	
-do- Spec	154.60	162.80	+0.20	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	326.10	343.30	+1.80	
Equity	392.30	413.00	+1.60	
Property	187.70	197.60	+1.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int	271.50	285.80	-0.20	
Index Linked	185.00	194.80	-1.10	
Cash	240.80	253.50	+0.20	
Nth American	267.40	281.50	+4.10	
Far East Acc	314.40	331.00	+7.60	
International Acc	294.20	315.00	+2.20	
Special Sits	472.10	497.00	+8.70	
European Flex	426.50	449.00	+0.90	
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units)Key	224.49		+10.31	
-do- Pacemaker	1327.01		+15.35	
-do- Cash	198.95	209.42	+0.05	
-do- Equity	558.14	587.52	-7.45	
-do- Fxd Int	385.73	404.98	-1.26	
-do- Managed	401.24	422.36	+3.34	
-do- Property	365.36	384.59	+13.40	
(Pens) Cash Cap	207.06	217.97	+0.04	
-do- Cash Inv	293.80	309.27	+0.36	
-do- Equity Cap	1504.5	1583.7	-4.23	
-do- Equity Inv	2134.7	2247.1	-4.46	
-do- Fixed Cap	421.16	443.34	-1.29	
-do- Fixed Inv	597.58	629.05	-1.42	
-do- Index Cap	218.13	229.62	-1.77	
-do- Index Inv	309.50	325.80	-2.30	
Mngd Cap	593.06	624.27	-2.88	
Mngd Inv	841.48	885.78	-3.48	
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (8)	1719.98	...	-9.30	...
Var Ann (5)	194.32	...	-1.02	...
Prime Managed	416.00	438.00	-0.40	...
Prime UK Equity	504.00	530.60	-0.40	...
Prime Int Equity	316.80	333.50	-1.10	...
Prime Property	213.50	224.80	+2.00	...
Prime Fxd Int	255.60	269.10	-0.40	...
Prime Index-Lnk	182.50	192.20	-1.50	...
Prime Cash	199.60	210.20	...	
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1148.9	1209.3	+5.90	...
Equity Fund	1697.2	1765.4	+12.00	...

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CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	609.20	641.20	+0.90	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	383.90	404.10	-1.20	...
Life Equity Acc	846.70	891.20	+1.30	...
Life Money Acc	293.50	308.90	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	856.10	901.10	-14.40	...
Life Intl Acc	506.50	533.10	+1.50	...
Life High Inc Acc	811.30	853.90	-3.50	...
Life Property Acc	256.90	270.40	+0.40	
Crown Brit Inv A	1389.9	...	...	
Brewin Equity	704.30	741.30	-6.80	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	170.50	179.50	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	246.40	259.40	-0.90	...
-do- Series 2	159.30	167.70	-0.50	...
Adventurous Fd	211.10	222.30	-6.00	...
-do- Series 2	159.70	168.20	-4.50	...
Performance Fd	249.30	262.50	-1.60	...
-do- Series 2	162.50	171.10	-1.00	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	151.30	159.30	-0.20	...
UK Equity Fund	163.90	172.60	+0.30	...
Property Fund	110.30	116.20	+2.00	...
Emerging Opps	160.50	169.00	-0.20	...
Euro Fund	176.80	186.20	-1.00	...
North Amer Fd	198.50	209.00	+1.00	...
Orienta. Ops	239.00	251.60	-20.00	...
Japanese Fund	119.30	125.60	+1.10	
Bd & West Life	118.60	124.90	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	131.00	137.90	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	280.70	290.90	+0.30	3.15
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mxd)	312.20	328.70	-1.90	...
UK Equity	418.30	440.40	-3.30	...
Stewardship	357.30	376.20	+2.20	
Overseas Equity	281.00	296.80	-1.40	
North American	152.70	160.80	-0.40	
Pacific Basin	167.40	176.30	-1.00	
European	198.60	209.10	-2.90	
Property	193.30	208.80	+0.10	
Fixed Interest	247.40	260.50	+0.10	
Index Linked	172.80	181.90	-1.60	
Cash	194.70	205.00	+0.10	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	351.40	369.90	-3.10	
GT Plan Wwide	550.90	579.90	-0.60	
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	211.60	222.70	-0.90	
Unitised Profit	127.90	134.50	-0.20	
UK Equity	288.20	303.30	-0.20	
Fixed Int	209.10	220.00	-0.70	
Index-Linked	174.50	183.60	-0.40	
Cash Deposit	170.10	178.90	+0.10	
Property	173.70	182.70	+0.10	
International	191.20	201.20	-4.50	
American	159.90	168.20	+0.50	
Japan	238.10	250.50	+6.70	
Japan Smllr Cos	243.80	256.50	+9.90	
European	180.00	189.40	-2.80	
Pacific Fund	307.50	323.50	-15.90	
Conv Life	143.50	151.00	+1.10	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	726.20	726.20	-1.50	
-do- Inv A	726.10	764.50	-1.50	
UK Equity	416.90	438.90	-2.00	
Gilt Plus	219.80	231.40	-0.80	
Managed	318.90	335.90	-0.60	
Inter Man	284.60	299.60	+0.50	
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	722.70	752.80	...	
Managed Initial	499.70	526.10	-1.20	
-do- Acc	698.50	735.30	-1.40	
Equity Initial	736.10	774.80	-1.30	
-do- Acc	1028.9	1083.0	-1.30	
Fixed Int Initial	474.90	499.90	-4.40	
-do- Acc	663.80	698.70	-5.90	
Intl Initial	479.80	505.00	+3.90	
-do- Acc	670.60	705.90	+5.80	
Nth Amer Initial	186.30	196.10	+1.40	
-do- Acc	237.00	249.50	+2.00	
Pacific Initial	261.70	275.50	+10.60	
-do- Acc	329.80	347.20	+13.50	
Property Initial	164.30	172.80	...	
-do- Acc	229.30	241.40	...	
Index-Lnkd Init	169.70	178.60	-1.50	
-do- Acc	215.80	227.20	-1.80	
Deposit Initial	195.40	205.70	+0.10	
-do- Acc	273.10	287.50	+0.30	
Euro Initial	101.40	106.80	-0.50	
-do- Acc	119.20	125.50	-0.60	
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200909				
Managed	169.50	178.40	-0.90	
-do- Pens	208.80	219.70	-1.40	
UK Equity	169.60	178.50	-1.20	
-do- Pens	193.30	203.40	-1.70	
International	147.70	155.40	-0.10	
-do- Pens	160.30	168.70	-0.10	
Deposit	136.80	143.90	...	
-do- Pens	160.10	168.50	...	
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	384.70	409.30	-1.80	
North America	360.80	383.90	+2.10	
Far East Fund	687.00	730.90	-32.90	
Global Managed	490.00	521.30	-6.70	
Deposit Fund	223.80	235.60	+0.20	
Prime Residential	126.00	132.70	...	

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European Fund	260.60	277.30	-1.70	...
Fixed Interest	71.80	76.40	+0.80	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	525.20	555.80	+0.10	...
British Fund	544.40	576.10	-0.30	...
International	525.60	556.20	-3.30	...
Dollar Fund	374.70	396.60	+1.90	...
Capital Fund	481.10	509.20	-0.30	...
Income Fund	730.70	773.30	+1.00	...
Property Series A	428.60	453.60	+0.40	5.30
Property Units	700.80	735.90	+0.70	
Financial Fund	612.40	648.10	+1.40	...
Managed Ser A	557.50	590.00	-0.70	...
Managed Units	998.00	1050.6	-1.30	...
High Yield Fund	699.20	739.90	+0.40	...
Money Series A	280.20	296.60	+0.30	...
Money Units	370.20	389.70	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	654.60	691.40	-0.80	...
Fixed Interest	401.20	424.60	-0.80	...
Indexed Secs	192.80	204.10	-1.30	...
European Fund	727.00	759.40	-11.10	...
Natural Res	311.00	329.20	-6.60	...
Far East Fund	651.60	689.60	-3.40	...
Smaller Cos	501.50	530.70	+6.00	...
Special Sits	460.00	486.80	+3.20	...
Man Currency	255.50	270.40	-0.40	...
Japanese Tech	249.40	264.00	-8.00	...
US Smaller Cos	218.80	231.60	+1.20	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 46281				
Global Managed	564.90	594.60	-7.40	...
Global Property	279.00	293.70	...	...
Global Fixed Int	544.40	573.00	-1.90	...
Global Equity	602.50	634.20	-7.40	...
Global Cash	207.70	218.60	+0.20	
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	511.50	538.40	-1.00	
Property	455.90	479.70	-4.20	...
Managed	430.30	452.90	+1.50	...
American	408.90	430.40	-0.80	...
UK Equity Fd	468.70	493.30	+1.90	
Japan	209.30	220.30	-9.50	
Index-Lkd	190.00	199.90	-1.10	
High Yield	888.20	934.90	+5.00	
Growth Cap	462.60	486.90	-1.10	
Money	391.90	412.50	+0.30	
International	399.50	420.50	+1.80	
Henderson Active	223.90	235.60	-3.10	
Perpetual Active	332.30	349.70	-3.40	
Growth Cap	462.60	486.90	-1.10	
-do- Acc	672.40	707.70	+2.40	
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
E Soc Lnkd Init	135.20	142.30	...	
-do- Acc	181.30	190.90	+0.20	
Brit Opps Init	148.30	155.80	+0.60	
-do- Acc	178.70	188.20	+0.80	
Cash Initial	167.10	175.90	+0.10	
-do- Acc	279.90	294.70	+0.20	
Equity Initial	692.50	729.00	-1.00	
-do- Acc	1159.5	1220.7	-1.70	
Fixed Initial	778.40	738.40	-1.40	
-do- Acc	632.60	667.00	-2.50	
Index-Lnkd Gilt	144.20	151.70	-0.90	
-do- Acc	205.90	216.80	-1.20	
Intl Initial	365.40	384.70	-1.60	
-do- Acc	602.50	634.20	-2.50	
Managed Initial	502.40	528.90	-7.50	
-do- Acc	841.20	885.50	-12.70	
Property Initial	202.60	213.30	+0.30	
-do- Acc	339.20	357.10	+0.40	
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	365.10	384.40	-1.50	
UK Equity	601.30	633.00	-2.10	
Property	295.40	311.00	-0.10	
Money Market	245.90	258.90	+0.10	
Fixed Interest	340.80	358.80	-1.80	
Japan	585.30	626.80	+12.80	
North America	161.70	170.30	+1.00	
International	308.50	324.80	-2.80	
European	279.50	294.30	-1.30	
Far East	139.90	147.20	-0.40	
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	†2131.75	...	-0.25	
Property Units	†1226.60	...	-0.01	
Bal Bd Exec Unit	537.61	571.17	-0.04	
2nd Equity Acc	663.40	698.30	-0.19	
2nd High Inc Acc	637.80	667.30	-1.10	
2nd Property Acc	244.00	256.80	...	
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	188.90	198.90	...	
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	487.70	513.30	...	
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	241.00	253.70	-3.70	
2nd Deposit Acc	273.50	287.80	-0.30	
2nd Gilt Acc	323.50	340.50	-1.30	
2nd Amer Acc	717.90	755.60	+10.90	
2nd Intl Mny Acc	256.10	269.60	-1.50	
2nd Index Acc	212.10	223.20	-3.00	
2nd Far East Acc	474.10	499.10	-0.60	
2nd Global Acc	199.10	209.10	+1.50	
2nd Euro Acc	156.50	175.30	+0.70	
2nd Japan Acc	201.80	211.60	+5.90	
2nd Heritage Acc	70.00	73.70	...	
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	151.50	172.10	+0.20	
2nd Cap Gth Acc	134.70	141.80	+1.60	
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	†931.30	...	-5.10	...
Fixed Interest	†453.90	...	-1.60	...
Property	†365.00	...	-0.40	...
Deposit	†283.10	...	-0.20	...
Mixed	†590.00	...	-4.00	...
Indexed Stock	†222.00	...	-1.70	...
International	†284.70	...	-4.40	...
Equity A	†216.40	...	-1.20	...
Fixed Int A	†192.80	...	-0.70	...
Property A	†160.70	...	-0.50	...

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Deposit A	†167.00	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	†197.20	...	-1.30	...
Index Stock A	†174.10	...	-1.30	...
International A	†178.10	...	-2.80	...
Equity P	†782.40	...	-5.40	...
Fixed Int P	†564.10	...	-1.70	...
Property P	†294.80	...	-0.40	...
Deposit P	†330.80	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	†557.30	...	-4.90	...
Index Stock P	†252.30	...	-2.10	...
International P	†330.30	...	-6.80	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	†649.30	...	-11.60	...
-do- Acc	†1044.3	...	-17.70	...
Property Cap	†146.30	...	...	...
-do- Acc	†227.20	...	+0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	†220.30	...	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	†343.50	...	-1.40	...
Equity Cap	†339.70	...	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	†536.00	...	-0.80	...
Internatl Cap	†246.20	...	-2.70	...
-do- Acc	†384.90	...	-4.00	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	†168.30	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	†259.70	...	+0.20	...
Flexible Cap	†366.10	...	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	†576.40	...	-2.30	...
Moneymaker Fd	†451.70	...	-1.70	...
Capital Growth	†1714.2	...	-4.30	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	416.80	439.90	-2.30	...
Amer Rec Bond	486.10	510.50	+0.80	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	244.50	256.80	+4.60	...
Australasia Bd	247.50	260.40	+4.40	...
Commodity Bond	322.00	338.30	+2.90	...
Deposit Bond Acc	352.30	370.00	-0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1508.3	1583.8	+0.50	...
European Bd Acc	369.90	388.50	-1.80	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	751.30	789.20	-6.60	...
Far East Bd Acc	337.80	354.90	-11.20	...
Gilt Bond Acc	485.40	509.80	-1.80	...
Gold Bond Acc	182.40	191.60	-7.30	...
High Yield Bond	365.00	383.30	...	
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	222.80	234.00	-3.00	...
International Bd	762.90	801.10	+4.30	...
Japan Bond Acc	261.30	274.50	+7.40	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	253.50	266.30	-11.00	...
Managed Bonds	909.10	954.60	+5.70	...
Prop Bond Acc	360.80	378.90	+0.10	...
Rec Bond Acc	765.00	803.20	+9.60	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	239.00	251.60	-1.60	...
UK Equity Acc	326.80	344.00	-1.90	...
Special Sits	97.30	102.50	+0.50	...
Special Sits acc	133.10	140.20	-0.70	...
North American	187.70	197.60	+1.00	...
N American Acc	256.70	270.30	+1.60	...
Pacific Basin	388.30	408.80	-8.10	...
Pacific Basin Acc	531.00	559.00	-10.70	...
Fixed Interest	312.80	329.30	-0.90	...
Fixed Interest Acc	428.30	450.90	-0.80	...
Property	162.70	171.30	+0.10	...
Property Acc	222.80	234.60	+0.30	...
Deposit	152.00	160.00	...	
Deposit Acc	208.50	219.50	+0.10	...
Managed	272.80	287.20	-1.90	...
Managed Acc	343.81	361.90	-2.30	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	720.50	758.40	-2.10	...
Property Fund	483.00	508.40	+1.10	...
Equity Fund	925.60	974.30	-6.40	...
Gilt Edged Fd	651.90	686.20	-8.60	...
Deposit Fund	321.70	338.60	-0.50	...
Investment Fd	392.20	412.80	-2.50	...
International	558.90	588.30	+6.80	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	429.70	452.30	-1.20	
UK Equity	353.50	372.10	-3.00	...
Gilt Edged	638.90	672.50	-5.10	...
Interest Fund	371.80	391.30	+0.30	...
UK Fund	509.90	536.70	-4.90	...
Intl Equity	635.50	668.90	-10.00	...
Intl Managed	592.90	624.10	-4.00	...
North American	218.10	229.50	-0.30	...
Far East	502.30	528.60	-20.70	...
Intl Currency	267.40	281.40	-1.20	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 822733				
Equity	147.80	155.50	-1.60	...
Fixed Interest	559.20	588.60	-6.30	...
Managed	707.10	744.30	-6.20	...
Deposit	330.60	348.00	+0.30	...
Property	438.90	470.40	+2.90	...
American	415.70	437.50	+2.00	...
Australian	541.20	569.60	+6.20	...
European	518.30	545.50	-11.50	...
Global Managed				
Income Acc	797.20	839.10	-1.30	...
-do- Dist	508.30	534.80	-1.70	4.38
International	316.60	333.30	-7.80	...
Japan Smaller	483.40	508.80	-15.00	...
Singapore & Mal	369.70	389.10	-41.20	...
Smaller Cos	417.60	439.50	+7.20	...
Tokyo Fund	632.70	666.00	+13.30	...
UK Equity	607.30	639.20	-9.00	...
CCM Vangd Mg	753.10	792.70	-5.50	...
Equity Pens Cap	1030.5	1084.7	-7.40	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	493.80	519.50	...	...
UK Equity	622.90	655.60	+0.20	...
Overseas Equity	483.20	508.60	-2.00	...
American	432.20	454.90	-1.80	...
Far East	562.80	592.40	-6.20	...

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Property	203.10	213.70	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest	396.10	408.40	+0.30	...
Indexed Gilt	240.40	253.00	-1.90	...
Deposit	210.60	221.60	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1432.6	1508.0	-4.50	...
Eqty Fund	3160.0	3326.3	-6.80	...
Property Fd	526.40	554.10	-1.10	...
Fixed Int Fd	622.00	654.70	-1.00	...
Deposit Fund	337.40	355.20	+0.30	...
Intl Fund	239.80	252.40	-1.40	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	151.00	159.00	+0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	304.00	320.10	+0.30	...
Inv Equity	1238.3	1303.5	-6.20	...
Inv Managed	857.80	903.00	-5.20	...
Ret Managed	964.40	1015.2	-3.00	...
For Prolific see Scottish Provident				
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	302.00	318.00	-3.50	...
Fxd Interest Acc	258.20	272.40	+0.70	...
International Acc	266.30	281.00	-1.30	...
Managed Acc	231.40	244.10	-1.60	...
Property Acc	224.20	236.50	...	
Money Acc	149.80	158.10	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	248.70	262.40	-2.00	...
Japan Equity Acc	115.10	121.50	+1.50	...
N Amer Acc	169.00	178.30	-0.30	...
Pacific Acc	172.30	181.80	-8.80	...
European Acc	177.80	187.80	+0.30	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	479.00	503.20	+0.70	...
Managed Initial	331.80	349.30	+0.20	...
Equity Ord	730.40	768.80	+2.90	...
Equity Init	507.00	533.70	+1.70	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	212.10	223.30	-2.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	153.70	161.80	-1.80	...
Oseas Equity Ord	382.70	402.80	-0.90	...
Oseas Equity Init	265.70	279.70	-0.70	...
Property Ord	252.00	265.30	...	
Property Init	174.90	184.10	-0.10	...
Fixed Int Ord	294.80	310.30	-1.20	...
Fixed Int Init	204.70	215.50	-0.80	...
Deposit Ord	200.00	211.50	+0.20	...
Deposit Initial	139.40	146.70	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	344.10	358.50	+3.60	
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3228				
Managed Fund	797.40	839.40	-2.00	...
Equity Fund	1545.9	1622.3	-1.00	...
Intl Fund	645.80	668.30	-2.10	...
Fixed Interest	602.60	634.40	-1.10	...
Property Fund	423.60	445.90	+1.00	...
Cash Fund	356.20	375.00	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	370.90	390.50	-5.70	...
N American Fd	243.60	256.50	+0.60	...
Euro Fund	261.70	275.50	-2.60	...
Balanced Fund	158.00	166.40	-0.40	...
Strategic Fund	165.50	174.30	+0.10	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mnlt Grow (47)	728.90		...	...
-do- Acc	492.10	518.00	...	...
Op Prop	463.70	488.20	+8.70	...
Op Equity	909.20	957.10	+8.80	...
Op High Yield	613.90	646.30	+0.80	...
Op Managed	792.40	834.20	+4.50	...
Op Deposit	382.10	402.30		
Inc Gth	330.60	348.00	-2.80	...
Japan Smlr	245.20	258.20	+4.80	...
Managed Gth	262.50	276.40	-10.40	...
Gilt	89.10	93.80	+0.20	...
British	397.70	418.70	-7.00	...
Global Bond	120.40	126.80	+0.30	...
Global (24,34)	173.90	183.10	-11.70	...
Gold Share	97.40	102.60	-5.40	...
High Income	320.90	337.80	-0.90	...
Income	458.20	482.40	-6.30	...
Japan	404.50	425.80	+5.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	341.10	359.10	+12.70	...
Mngd Growth	487.70	513.40	-6.20	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	973.70	1030.3	-2.30	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	388.60	409.00	-0.60	...
Equity Fund	559.10	582.40	-1.30	...
Property Fund	306.30	322.40	-0.10	...
International	482.10	507.40	+1.30	...
Pacific Basin	301.50	317.30	-1.00	...
United States	257.10	270.60	+3.00	...
Gilt Fund	380.40	400.40	-1.30	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	767.40	812.10	-0.40	2.19
Deposit Fund (2)	358.60	379.50	+0.20	5.77
Gilt Fund	546.20	578.00	-1.30	7.01
Global Equity Fd	239.60	253.60	-2.10	...
Property Fund (46)	96.00	101.60	+0.80	8.10
AG Bond Fund	161.50	170.90	-7.50	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	597.50	629.20	+12.30	...
Fixed Interest	396.80	417.70	-3.80	...
Index-Linked	208.60	219.60	-2.00	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
International	463.20	487.60	+1.30	...
Property	280.80	295.60	+21.60	...
Cash	223.90	235.70	+0.20	...
Managed	473.10	498.00	+6.70	...
Cap Gteed Bd	116.30	122.50	-0.10	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	176.45	185.73	+0.12	...
Index-Linked	169.70	178.60	-1.80	...
Fixed Interest	187.40	197.30	-0.70	...
Mixed	256.50	270.00	-1.10	...
UK Equity	248.60	261.70	-0.30	...
International	256.10	269.60	-2.90	...
American	261.00	274.80	+2.60	...
Japan	228.40	240.40	+7.50	...
European	242.10	254.80	-2.80	...
Pacific	380.70	400.70	-9.60	...
Technology	348.30	366.60	-0.10	...
Currency/Currncy	235.00	247.40	+0.80	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	199.30	209.80	-0.20	...
UK Equity	372.00	391.70	-1.30	...
American	263.40	277.40	+2.10	...
Pacific	375.90	395.80	-7.60	...
European	473.10	498.10	-6.40	...
International	323.00	340.10	-1.50	...
Fixed Interest	257.70	271.30	-3.50	...
Index Linked	207.90	218.90	-2.20	...
Deposit	188.90	199.00	+0.20	...
Managed	296.30	312.00	-2.20	...
Worldwide	133.40	140.60	-1.20	...
Pen Worldwide	142.90	150.60	-1.40	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1620.5	1679.7	...	
Safety Fund	246.20	259.20	-2.30	...
Growth Fund	236.50	249.40	+2.40	...
Opportunity Fd	233.10	245.40	-1.80	...
Cash Fund	169.90	178.90	+0.10	...
European Fund	346.30	364.60	-4.00	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	210.70	221.80	-2.00	...
Index-Linked Fd	191.40	201.50	-1.90	...
International	298.90	314.70	-1.10	...
North American	248.00	261.10	+2.50	...
Property Fund	121.60	128.00	-0.10	...
UK Equity	252.40	265.70	-2.60	...
UK Smaller	236.90	249.40	+3.20	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	274.10	288.70	...	
Equity	287.70	303.00	-1.00	...
International	293.30	308.90	-2.00	...
Property	213.10	224.40	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	223.20	235.10	-3.80	...
Index Linked	187.70	197.70	-1.10	...
Cash	182.50	192.20	+0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	818.80	871.10	-1.90	...
Cash Fund	329.90	347.70	+0.30	...
Property Fund	334.10	349.10	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	975.00	1027.3	-5.00	...
Fxd Interest Fund	470.90	496.30	-0.10	...
International	437.70	465.70	-3.20	...
High Income	730.60	777.30	-1.00	...
Far East	641.00	682.00	-15.70	...
North American	570.20	606.60	-1.00	...
Special Sits	662.90	705.20	+7.00	...
Technology	548.80	583.90	+2.70	...
Extra Income Fd	394.00	419.20	+1.00	...
Gilt Fund	487.50	518.70	-1.40	...
European	152.00	161.80	-1.30	...
Adventurous Mg	230.90	243.10	-1.20	...
Secure Mgd	149.40	159.00		
Equity Inc Dist	123.40	131.30	+0.30	4.51
North American	118.00	125.60	-0.10	4.95
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	993.00	993.00	...	...
Inv Pol 2	904.40	952.10	...	...
Inv Pol 3	868.30	914.00	...	...
Inv Cash	305.00	321.20	+0.30	...
Mixed Fund	467.90	492.80	-3.20	...
Equity Fund	356.70	386.10	-2.80	...
Property Fund	224.40	236.30	-0.10	...
International Fd	498.00	524.30	-3.00	...
Fixed Interest Fd	399.40	420.60	-1.70	...
Indexed Stock Fd	209.10	220.30	-1.70	...
Cash Fund	221.70	233.50	+0.10	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	380.60	400.60	-2.40	...
Equity Acc	453.80	477.60	-1.40	...
International Acc	340.70	358.60	-6.80	...
Property	210.90	221.90	+0.30	...
Royal Trust Mg	246.10	259.00	-0.50	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	261.80	275.60	+0.10	...
Equity	1044.5	1099.5	-7.20	...
European	168.40	177.30	-2.20	...
Far East	177.80	187.20	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	422.50	444.60	-1.50	...
Index Linked	216.40	227.80	-0.80	...
International	630.00	663.20	-2.80	...
Managed	728.70	765.00	-4.20	...
Nth American	149.20	157.10	+1.50	...
Property	337.10	354.90	-0.40	...
Pensions				
Cash	404.10	425.40	+0.30	...
Equity	1508.1	1587.5	-9.80	...
European	201.40	212.00	-4.10	...
Far East	142.60	150.20	-0.80	...
Fixed Interest	568.80	598.70	-2.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Index Linked	299.90	315.70	-1.00	...
International	889.90	936.80	-7.40	...
Managed	1020.6	1074.4	-6.10	...
Nth American	187.60	197.50	+1.70	...
Property	435.20	458.20	+3.60	...
Stock Exchange	231.20	243.40	-1.50	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	679.40	715.60	-0.40	...
Equity Fund	908.20	956.00	-1.80	...
Fixed Interest Fd	444.70	468.20	-1.30	...
Index-Linked Fd	324.20	341.30	-2.50	...
Property Fund	484.60	510.20	+1.20	...
International Fd	662.90	697.30	+2.80	...
N American Fd	250.70	263.90	+1.20	...
Far East Fund	238.70	251.30	-10.00	...
Deposit Fund	287.70	302.90	+0.20	...
International Bd	†289.26		+0.58	...
Worldwide Bond	166.90	175.70	+0.10	...
Worldwide Fincl	80.00	84.30	...	
Worldwide Tech	95.20	100.30	...	
European	164.80	173.50	-0.40	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	669.30	704.70	-0.30	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	457.60	487.70	...	
Property Growth				
Property Fund	†555.90	...	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	†820.50	...	+1.50	...
Agricultural Fd	†788.90	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	†757.90	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	†428.50	...	+0.30	...
Abbey Nat Acc	†446.10	...	+0.70	...
Investment Fd	†380.10	...	-0.20	...
Investment (A)	†346.20	...	-0.20	...
Equity	†1318.5	...	-2.90	...
Equity Acc	†1262.2	...	-3.30	...
Money Fund	†456.80	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	†437.60	...	+0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	†402.20	...	-0.10	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	†415.40	...	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	†415.40	...	-1.20	...
Retire Annuity	†1130.0	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	†313.30	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	†219.80	...	+0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	†1537.3	...	+13.90	...
Managed Acc	†859.60	...	+1.00	...
Equity Account	†1224.8	...	-2.90	...
Mngd Fund Acc	397.30	418.20	+0.40	...
Equity Fund Acc	537.90	566.20	-1.50	...
Prop Fund Acc	236.10	248.60	+3.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	339.10	357.00	-4.20	...
Money Fund Acc	215.60	226.90	...	
Indx-Lnk Sec Ac	220.10	231.60	-2.10	...
Pens Pens Acct	†1952.0	...	+19.20	...
Pens Mngd Acct	907.40	955.20	+9.30	...
Pens Guarantee	233.20	245.50	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	350.70	369.20	+3.00	...
Pens Property	266.60	280.60	+0.40	...
Pens Fixed Int	308.60	324.90	-3.10	...
Pens Intl	347.10	360.10	-5.40	...
Pens Money	228.40	240.40	+0.10	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	207.40	218.30	-2.90	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	926.90	975.70	-8.50	...
Property Acc	345.80	364.10	-3.60	...
Equity Acc	1522.7	1602.9	-6.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	421.20	443.40	-2.90	...
Index-Linked Acc	215.10	226.50	-2.30	...
Cash Acc	301.50	317.40	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	362.80	381.70	-1.00	...
Japan Acc	287.90	303.10	+8.40	...
Pacific Acc	369.90	389.40	-47.50	...
Far Eastern Acc	862.30	907.70	-65.10	...
International Acc	584.80	615.60	-12.30	...
Distribution Fund	302.70	318.70	-1.00	5.49
European	190.00	200.10	-0.20	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	287.20	302.40	-4.20	...
Property Fund	196.60	207.00	...	...
Fixed Interest Fd	234.50	246.90	-0.70	...
Money Fund	194.80	205.10	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	384.10	404.50	-2.40	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	243.30	256.20	+0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	52.90	54.80	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	330.70	348.20	-0.30	...
Gold	96.80	102.00	-1.40	...
Managed	637.40	671.10	-3.20	...
Mngd Growth	197.90	208.30	-0.60	...
Mngd Opp	206.60	217.60	+0.30	...
Property	283.00	297.90	...	
Residential Prop	94.20	99.30	+0.30	...
TSB American	213.90	225.20	-2.60	...
TSB Brit Gwth	878.10	924.40	-4.90	...
TSB European	270.60	284.90	-3.80	...
TSB Income	425.20	447.60	-0.70	...
TSB Intl	433.10	456.00	-7.00	...
TSB Intl Inc	299.40	315.30	+0.40	...
TSB Pacific	436.00	459.00	-12.70	...
TSB Prmn Inc	279.30	291.80	+0.90	...
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929				
Managed Bond	711.60	749.00	-11.20	...
Money Fund	308.80	325.10	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	614.20	647.20	+9.10	...
Fixed Interest	292.40	308.10	-1.10	...
Property Fund	354.00	373.00	+13.40	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnl	595.60	627.60	...	
Income	777.30	818.80	+2.00	...
International Gth	638.10	670.30	+2.20	...
Capital Fund	637.90	672.20	+14.60	...
Recovery Fund	650.70	685.30	+9.70	...
Japan & General	273.60	288.10	+7.10	...



WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Unfair to single out financial products for disclosure

From D. F. B. Le Breton
Sir, Why is so much attention directed to the commission paid for the sale of life assurance or pensions (Lindsay Cook's Comment, Weekend Money, January 8) but not to other forms of commercial "mark-up" which is how any business earns its living? ...

Should one be entitled to ask a shopkeeper or salesman how much is the mark-up on a bottle of perfume, a patent medicine, an oriental carpet, a motor car, or any "whizzbang" widget, before buying?

The customer would then know what part of the price actually represented the value of the product. No doubt there would be considerable differences between competing sellers, as there may be between life assurance companies or between alternative investments.

A naive buyer might suppose that the whole of the mark-up or commission just goes into the seller's pocket, to support his possibly enviable lifestyle, without considering the costs involved in offering the item.

Some might be astonished to learn how much mark-up percentages can be, and how they can differ between providers. Just as some might be surprised to know how hard it can be for an insurance salesman or representative to actually clinch a sale, and how few sales he may make in a month.

The Office of Fair Trading and Lindsay Cook call for customers to know exactly how much they are paying. That may be fine, but why limit it to financial services and not other goods and services too?

Would entrepreneurs, salesmen and staff go along with a requirement for such general disclosure? Could one be sure that the comparisons truly indicate relative value for money?

If not, how far would it actually profit the consumer in the long-term? Answers to these questions seem relevant to the proposals for financial services.

Yours faithfully,
D. F. B. LE BRETON,
Brackenwood,
French Street,
Westerham,
Kent.

Value is in the eye of the beholder

From Dr Des Keenan
Sir, By coincidence, just before reading Liz Dolan's article on subjective property valuations (Weekend Money, January 8) I was reading the remarks of an Irish county court judge in 1904 on the subject in a case before him.

He remarked that no valuation was exact, but he had noticed that every valuer, like every medical expert, gave a value which reflected the interest of his client, no matter which side he was valuing for.

Once, he said, as a barrister, he acted for a railway company purchasing a property. The valuer for the party seeking compensation quoted a high figure. He then asked what it would be if he was quoting for the railway company and was given a lower one.

So he asked the valuer how he reconciled two totally different valuations, both sworn on oath. The man replied: "I do the best for my client."

Yours sincerely,
DES KEENAN,
129 Bluebird Walk,
Chalk Hill Road,
Wembley Park,
Middlesex.

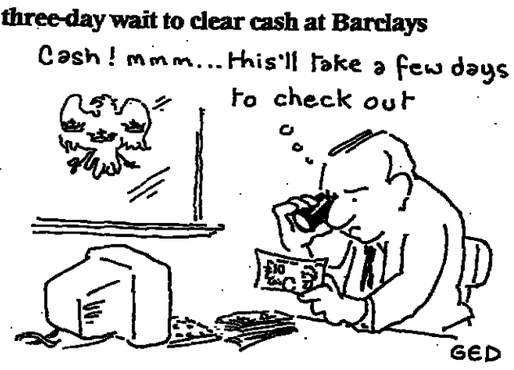
Left pondering over a three-day wait to clear cash at Barclays

From Ms Anne Mason
Sir, A cash sum deposited at any branch of TSB is credited to my account immediately.

A cash sum deposited into my son's account at Barclays takes three working days to clear, unless it is paid into his own branch.

I can understand cheques taking three days to clear — but cash?

Yours faithfully,
ANNE MASON,
8 Carnaby,
Kimbolton,
Huntingdon.



Sentinel that changed guard

From Mrs C. A. Bainbridge
Sir, What is the period of time covered by an annual subscription? This may seem a simplistic question; most assume 12 months. Not so with Sentinel Card Services.

I paid my annual subscription to Sentinel Card Services on June 8, 1993. I was informed by Sentinel in December my membership expired in January 1994 — no day given.

I was informed I could renew my cover for one, three or five years. I wonder how many months are covered by five years? I have terminated my contract with Sentinel Card Services as I believe that the method of bringing forward subscription dates is unfair.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE BAINBRIDGE,
29 Elton Road,
Darlington,
Co. Durham.

Notice regarding NS notice went unnoticed

From Mrs S. Elliott
Sir, The National Savings leaflet concerning income bonds states that National Savings will give six weeks' notice before making any changes to interest rates.

Anticipating that there would shortly be a decrease in rates, I have been looking in the newspapers and on Post Office notice boards for the past weeks, but have seen no notification of change, although I specifically looked in the week prior to the new year.

However, on going into the Post Office on Tuesday January 4, a notice had appeared informing of a decrease in rates from January 1, 1994. If this had been previously advertised I certainly had not spotted it!

I have always thought of National Savings as an organisation to be trusted (although having some doubts about its safety in the hands of the present Government). However, it seems that on this occasion it has not made the alterations to interest rates widely known.

Yours faithfully,
S. ELLIOTT,
16 Beauly Way,
Rise Park,
Romford, Essex.

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Cardless on holiday

From Mr A. Witt
Sir, Mr Glasiter (Weekend Money Letters, December 18) would be lucky to be without a cheque guarantee card for only one day.

I arrived in France on holiday last year to find one of my (fortunately) two National Westminster credit cards had expired.

The new one was waiting for me when I returned home from my holiday two weeks later.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN WITT,
Rossbank,
The Hill,
Charing,
Ashford,
Kent.

Difficulties with postal society accounts

From the Assistant General Manager, Investments, Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society
Sir, This letter is prompted by the article by Robin Young in Weekend Money (January 8). The difficulty experienced by Mr Young's wife in opening a London Share account was, as he highlighted, very much a case of Murphy's Law.

While Robin Young may have exercised a degree of poetic licence in his chronology, it remains the case, to say the least, that this matter was not handled with the customary speed and accuracy which has made C&G, as the article acknowledges, "the most efficient of building societies".

C&G has established itself as the market leader in postal investments by achieving consistently high standards. The hundreds of thousands of postal customers we now serve prove the success of that policy. Almost inevitably, however, there will be a few cases where regrettably we fail our customers, and ourselves, but I accept that that has been of little consolation to Mrs Young.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KING,
Assistant General Manager, Investments,
Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society,
1 Love Lane,
EC2.

INTEREST RATES MONITOR

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
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" " "	3.47	3.47	2.78	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
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Bank of Scotland IntlC	2.88	2.93	2.34	2,500‡	none	031-442 77 7
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Asset (Bristol&West)	5.85	5.85	4.68	100,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics	5.63	5.63	4.50	100,000 min	1 year	——
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21 New St, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226
European ‡ 115.90 ... -2.00 ...
Global Bond † 108.60 ... +0.33 6.86
Samurai ‡ 87.52 ... +3.85 ...
UK Growth ‡ 115.50 ... -1.40 3.43
Tai Pan ‡ 111.20 ... -7.30 ...

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377
American 299.80 317.20 +1.70 0.42
Canadian 85.52 90.49 +0.48 0.16
Capital 140.10 150.40 -4.30 1.10
Cash 101.33 101.33 +0.07 4.91
European 132.00 139.60 -2.90 0.39
Far Eastern 171.60 181.50 -12.60 ...
Growth 151.80 160.60 -7.40 1.05
Income 139.20 147.20 -0.10 4.18
Magnum 149.30 160.30 -3.70 1.07

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422
Cash 49.90 50.40 +0.03 4.48
Cnvrtbl Prfrnce 63.04 67.31 +0.21 7.20
Ethical 61.98 65.94 +0.02 3.00
European Growth 72.29 77.10 -0.63 2.10
Income 61.08 65.15 -0.08 4.00
Intl Growth 97.13 102.60 -0.50 2.40
Managed 83.33 88.88 -0.30 3.00
UK Growth 66.75 71.20 -0.01 3.40

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777
Managed Acc 51.83 55.07 -0.96 1.21
UK Equity Gth Acc 74.56 79.23 +0.06 0.81
-do- High Inc Inc 41.26 43.84 -0.30 2.70
-do- High Inc Acc 49.54 52.64 -0.37 2.70
UK Equity Gen Acc 64.85 68.89 -0.64 1.78
UK Equity Gen Inc 48.87 51.93 -0.48 1.78
UK Lrgr Co Acc 447.50 485.60 -1.40 3.06
UK Lrgr Co Inc 339.60 368.50 -1.00 3.06
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 34.62 36.62 -0.13 5.43
Oseas Lrg Co Acc 302.50 328.30 -2.20 1.16
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Far East Acc 66.18 70.32 -4.56 0.13
European Acc 48.99 52.06 -1.08 0.40

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000
Global A (NZ$) 3.934 4.177 -0.06 1.25
US Eqts (US$) 2.347 2.489 +0.05 0.84
Far East Eqts (yen) 239.20 254.10 +4.40 ...
Japan Eqties (yen) 240.50 255.50 +7.90 ...
FT Europe 131.30 139.40 -0.50 1.73
FT N Amer (US$) 1.803 1.911 +0.03 1.24
FT Japan (yen) 228.60 242.80 +6.50 ...
FT Asia Exjap (US$) 2.629 2.787 -0.34 0.73

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45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271
American 373.20 398.60 +0.80 0.06
British 1098.5 1162.2 +10.60 3.12
Emging Mkts 167.70 178.60 -5.60 0.20
European 503.40 535.60 -0.30 1.01
Japan 151.00 160.10 +5.20 ...
New Pacific 416.50 447.10 -19.90 0.72
Investment Tst 242.20 256.70 -3.10 0.95
Mngd Equity 183.80 194.50 ... 1.34

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389
Equity 872.40 933.00 -10.20 2.20
North America 132.40 141.60 +1.00 0.29
Far East 159.80 170.90 -9.90 ...
Wwide Bond 63.54 67.45 +0.04 5.09
European 101.30 108.60 -0.30 ...
Equity Income 99.44 106.40 -1.40 3.22
Portfolio 90.57 96.87 -0.01 0.77

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725
American Growth 36.80 39.40 +0.30 0.40
Managed Assets 135.70 145.20 -0.17 2.70
UK Income 42.50 45.40 -0.22 2.50
UK Growth 41.80 44.70 -0.13 1.89
Worldwide Growth 35.50 38.00 +0.04 0.41

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD
Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010
Master Portfolio 50.34 53.84 -0.90 ...
Cap Protector Inc 45.48 48.64 +0.09 2.18
UK Income Inc 56.17 60.07 -0.02 2.48
Mngd Extra Inc Inc 34.43 36.82 -0.02 3.32
Mngd High Yld Inc 86.14 92.13 -0.12 3.42
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc 82.05 87.75 +0.21 2.45
Mngd Wwide Gth 37.91 40.58 -0.35 ...
UK Smaller Cos 36.01 38.51 +0.53 1.44
Pacific Grth Port 51.21 54.77 -3.54 ...

SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Equity Dist 586.40 620.50 -1.30 2.13
Fixed Int Dist 127.90 132.50 -0.50 6.91
UK Inds Trck Dist 139.40 147.50 -0.20 2.63

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE
0264 346 794
American 229.43 244.08 -2.52 ...
Brit Growth 101.40 107.87 -0.58 1.57
European 106.49 113.29 -1.50 0.23
Extra Income 219.84 233.88 +0.25 3.46
Smaller Cos 76.51 81.39 +1.28 0.90
General 309.50 329.26 -4.29 2.02
Premier Income 57.66 60.06 +0.13 5.58
Income 379.23 402.38 +0.14 3.10
Pacific 434.58 462.32 -12.81 ...
International 565.91 602.04 -11.92 0.07
Nat Resources 184.59 196.37 -2.34 ...
Spcnl Opps 116.42 123.85 -0.31 0.08
Environmental Inv 66.03 70.25 +0.59 1.39
Selector 68.14 72.49 +0.12 1.95
High Income 72.29 76.91 -0.50 3.94

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355
British 350.70 369.10 -4.30 2.50

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA
031 228 3932
Glob Growth Inc 202.26 216.32 -0.62 1.73
Glob Balncd Inc 173.72 185.80 -1.43 2.87
Value Tst Inc 122.30 130.80 +1.08 1.19

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3000
Amer Smllr Cos 69.52 74.15 -0.39 ...
European Opps 68.11 72.67 -2.72 0.41
Dresdner Eur Bd 44.40 46.67 -0.85 8.12
Japan Tst 82.48 87.92 +2.62 ...
Little Dragons 114.11 121.71 -0.65 0.38
Oriental Income 50.67 54.04 -1.54 4.58
Tiger 320.94 342.33 -17.14 0.47
UK Blue Chip 68.09 72.72 -0.42 2.72
UK Smllr Cos 101.85 108.92 +0.42 1.85
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Nth Amer Gwth 230.71 245.43 +1.31 0.64
European Growth 274.72 291.54 -1.10 0.86
Exempt 574.21 599.86 -0.56 3.19
Far Eastern 481.52 511.40 -28.75 0.67
UK High Yield 114.41 121.71 +0.50 3.14
Iberian Growth 48.09 51.16 +1.26 ...
Intl Growth 111.84 118.91 -0.19 1.03
Preference 131.47 139.86 +0.18 7.72
UK Recovery 280.15 298.03 +5.17 2.10
UK Smlr Cos Div 104.71 111.39 +2.91 4.36

WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GJ
071 955 3055
Exempt 371.70 391.30 ... 2.01

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551
Australasian Gold 31.58 33.59 +2.17 0.50
Pacific Basin 41.73 44.39 -0.75 0.60
Can Balncd Gwth 37.61 40.07 -0.84 ...
Global Bond (US$) 0.9627 1.0028 +0.01 5.29
Penny Share 28.32 30.12 +0.37 1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462
Challenger 105.90 108.40 -0.50 ...
Short Dtd Gilt 115.80 117.30 -0.20 ...
US Govt Bd (US$) 0.7229 0.7320 +0.00 2.27
Gilt Income 58.07 58.34 -0.22 6.25
Gilt Growth 78.51 81.69 -0.25 ...
City Reserve 51.90 51.90 +0.05 [illegible]

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000
Stockmarket Fd 81.10 86.27 -1.07 1.47

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

Firm end to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 4. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day January 24. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Ntl	520	+13	11.8	2.8	20.1
314	179	Allied Irish	306	-1	...	3.4	15.6
231½	130	Aus New Z	231½	+8½	...	3.9	∞
3809½	2712½	Bankamerica	3225	+62½	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	311	-1	...	4.0	22.9
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
240½	116½	Bank Scotland	221	...	4.6	2.6	30.0
652	362	Barclays	600	+6	...	2.6	...
39½	15½	Carlisle	36½	+3	...	...	...
626	395	Cater Allen	626	+3	28.0	5.6	...
177	85	Castles	175	...	...	3.2	23.3
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2731½	1343½	Citicorp	2231½	+150½	...	...	...
550	350	Close Bros	550	+6	...	2.5	20.0
£155	9275	Commerzbk	£144½	+71½	...	2.8	...
£348½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£321½	-500	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	75	+2½	1.5	2.5	∞
1651	870	Fuji Bank Y	1205½	-52½	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	492	+7	21.5	5.5	13.1
987	490	HSBC	911	+29	20.0	2.7	21.8
1007	474	HSBC HK	926	+31	20.0	2.7	22.2
408	243	Hambros	408	+5	14.1	4.4	15.8
433	313	Joseph (L)	428	...	16.7	4.9	...
195	96	King Shaxson	135	...	9.0	8.3	...
613	312	Kleinwort Ben	613	+6	16.7	3.4	21.3
690	492	Lloyds	625	-4	19.1	3.8	17.8
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	96	...	2.9	3.8	19.0
576½	322	Nat Aust Bk	571½	+3	...	4.0	∞
634	398	Nat West	594	+12	17.8	3.7	36.1
506	270	Provident	506	+22	12.4	3.1	21.9
65	39	Rea Bros	64	...	0.5	1.1	68.0
470	207	Ryl Bk Scot	451 †	+2	...	3.0	20.4
1373	467½	Schroders	1365	...	...	1.1	27.2
1263	576	Stand Chart	1168	+14	20.5	2.2	...
272½	149½	TSB	268	+1	...	3.6	20.7
190	78	Union Disc	167	+1	...	...	...
974	529	Warburg SG	955	+10	...	2.6	14.0
8831½	4843½	Wells Fargo	8793½	-31½	...	2.3	...
217	121	Westpac	217 †	+2	...	2.5	∞
325	188	Wintrust	314	...	9.3	3.7	28.1

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	649 †	+2	...	4.1	18.0
647	441	Bass	577 †	-17	...	4.3	15.6
290	189	Boddington	274	-3	7.5	3.4	16.0
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	399 †	+3	...	3.3	16.0
194	129	Burtonwd Brw	181 †	...	4.7	3.3	15.1
169	75	Eldridge P 'A'	169 †	+3	3.5	2.6	∞
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	62	...	...	4.4	∞
442	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	442 †	...	7.5	2.1	18.9
499	373	Grand Met	491	+8	...	3.4	18.8
475	347	Greenalls Grp	471 †	+2	...	3.3	16.2
575	505	Greene King	547 †	+2	...	2.8	15.3
521	388	Guinness	474	-5	...	3.2	17.7
75½	31	Halkin Hldgs	71	-2	...	...	55.4
281	230	Hardy Hanson	249	+1	8.5	4.4	∞
138	105	Heavitree	135	...	3.0	2.8	12.2
393	255	Highland Dist	393	+10	...	2.1	19.5
3190	2538	Holt J	3190	...	42.0	1.7	20.5
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	129	+1	4.3	4.2	29.0
465	365	Mardn Marn 'A'	440	+5	...	2.5	21.0
246	164	Mansfield	236	...	...	2.1	16.9
290	231	Mrstn Thmp	276 †	...	...	2.5	15.4
588	288½	Matthew Clark	588	...	...	3.9	19.4
300	210	Mrvdwn W	233 †	...	7.0	3.8	20.8
980	495	Morland	530 †	...	...	2.9	18.2
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	1.8	18.5
227	145	Regent Inns	227	+2	...	2.5	23.1
1521½	753½	S4 Breweries	1390	-12½	...	2.0	22.3
564	393	Scot & New	563 †	+4	...	3.8	17.2
225	155½	Taunton Cider	172 †	+4	6.2	4.5	13.4
283	213	Vaux Group	281 †	+2	...	4.2	18.1
381	225	Wetherspoon JD	364	-4	...	1.9	28.3
592	435	Whitbread 'A'	567	+6	...	4.0	13.6
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	548 †	...	12.6	2.9	∞
520	475	Young 'A'	520	+5	14.7	3.5	21.5

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
183	73	Abbey	183	...	...	1.4	29.7
25½	12	Albrighton	18 †	...	...	0.7	...
160	87	Allen	160 †	...	...	3.9	36.3
132	66	Amec	124	+2	3.0	3.0	22.9
12	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	...	...	...
359	150	Ashtead	359	+8	...	1.6	38.0
143	101	Atwoods	133 †	+2	...	4.7	...
360	180	BPB Ind	334 †	+3	...	2.8	40.0
105	57	Baggeridge Brk	104 †	...	3.1	3.8	∞
32	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	32	...	0.6	2.3	...
108	74	Barcon	77 †	...	3.0	4.9	∞
56½	32½	Barden	51½	+1½	2.0	4.9	25.4
242	94	Bertrst Devs	238	+4	...	2.1	25.6
503	305	Bellway	503 †	+2	12.0	3.0	∞
54	15	Bellwinch	54	...	...	...	...
542	298½	Berkeley Gp	527 †	-3	...	1.5	26.4
118	45	Bett Bros	116 †	...	...	2.1	15.2
68	36	Blockleys	61	...	1.0	2.0	67.4
366	189	Blue Circle	366	+3	...	3.8	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	284	...	6.0	2.6	15.9
106	78	Breedon PLC	104	...	4.6	5.5	25.6
134	82	Br Dredging	134	+1	5.2	4.9	29.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	80	...	1.7	2.7	...
177	99	Bryant	177	+2	...	3.4	35.7
141	53	CALA	141	+5	...	2.0	...
377	200	CRH	377	+3	...	2.3	20.7
43	16	Cakebread Rby	35	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	33	+1	...	...	...
173	80½	Countryside	167	+2	...	3.1	∞
105	38	Crest Nicholson	103	...	0.0	...	...
115	27	Cussins	111	...	...	1.1	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	0.3	1.5	...
285	178	Epwin	276	...	7.0	3.2	23.4
60	32	Erith	60	+2	0.3	0.7	...
506	252	Eve Group	458	...	...	2.8	17.2
300	97	Freeman Gp	198	...	5.0	3.2	31.5
50	38	Galliford	48	...	...	2.6	...
87	52	Gibbs & Dandy	87	...	...	2.9	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	920	+7	...	1.7	16.0
155	75	Hewden-Stuart	155	+3	...	2.2	33.2
51	28	Hewetson	47	...	...	3.4	34.3
430	173	Heywd Wim	426	...	13.0	4.0	...
142	37	Higgs & Hill	136	...	2.5	2.3	...
38	26	How Gp	30	...	...	4.7	...
28	15	Howard Hldgs	25	-1	0.5	2.5	...
86	39	Ibstock Johnsen	85	+1	1.0	1.5	...
25	12½	Jarvis	16½	...	...	...	...
329	196	Laing (J)	329	+2	9.0	3.4	13.2
139½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	129½	+1	...	6.2	...
135	55	Ln Clydesdale	135	...	4.5	4.2	50.8
23	10	Lovell (YJ)	11½	-½	...	...	5.2
400	240	Manders	398	...	0.3	2.9	24.4
199	93	Marley	198	+3	4.2	2.7	58.1
139	61	Marshalls	136 †	+5	...	3.7	...
228	122	Maunders (J)	223	...	...	2.9	21.5
264	96	McAlpine (A)	262	+1	6.5	3.1	45.4
63	23	McCarthy & S	55	-2	0.5	1.1	...
549	272	Meyer Int	535 †	...	...	2.3	53.6
147	62	Mowlem (J)	147	+3	4.0	3.4	...
194	51	NSM	174	+2	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
195	106	Newman Tnks	185	+2	...	4.5	24.7
333	197	Persimmon	333	+11	8.6	3.2	34.0
20	9	Phoenix Timber	14	...	...	...	...
1750	1237½	Pochins	1750	...	29.0	2.1	25.0
198	80	Prowting	186	...	14	2.3	...
1028	555	RMC Gp	1027	+17	...	2.4	38.6
117	75½	Raine Ind	96	...	...	3.9	22.7
36	18	Ramus	23	...	...	...	...
611	402	Redland	596	+3	25.0	5.2	34.8
86	64	Brokel	72	...	4.3	7.5	10.6
342	207	Rugby Group	319	-4	6.4	2.5	24.4
68	23	Svrfid-Rvrs	58	...	...	0.5	...
165	68	Sharpe & Fisher	165	...	...	3.0	28.7
276	78½	Sheffield Insl	253	...	...	2.6	62.6
258	82	Sherriff Hldgs	258 †	...	...	1.8	24.6
106	66	Shorrna	106	...	5.2	6.1	24.1
240	196	Smart (J)	228	...	...	4.7	17.2
[illegible]	1½	Starmin	3½	...	...	...	...
195	103	Tarmac	189	+4	5.5	3.7	...
214	131	Tay Homes	213	...	...	3.4	36.3
176	103	Taylor Woodrw	155	+5	1.0	0.8	...
645	413	Tilbury Douglas	645	+2	31.0	6.4	21.0
43	19	Tures Hirea	43	+4	0.4	1.2	...
331	168	Travis Perkins	331	+6	8.0	3.0	59.3
21	9½	Tremerwood	16½	...	...	...	...
32	25	Try Group	32	...	1.0	3.9	9.1
24	21	Tudor	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
101	41	Vibroplant	101	+1	2.5	3.1	36.3
65	33	Ward Hldgs	54	+1	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	31	...	...	...	...
475	363	Watts Blake	455	...	...	3.3	19.6
33	6½	Wescol	23	...	...	...	...
311	93	Westbury	311	...	5.0	3.1	31.7
4	3	Wiggins	4½	...	...	...	...
512	362	Wilson Bowdn	507	+1	...	2.2	35.7
232	147	Wilson (C)	232	+5	1.9	2.1	40.2
232	104	Wimpey G	230	+6	...	3.1	...
47	15	YEM	28	...	0.5	2.2	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	483	ADT	615	...	...	...	...
329	199	Adam & Harvey	323	+10	13.0	5.0	...
92	56	Air London	68	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
56	32	African Lakes	44	...	3.0	5.7	...
176	93	Auto Sec	126	+1	...	5.5	24.7
154½	84	BET Ord	151½	+2	...	1.9	6.1
135	41	BNB Res	135	+1	4.9	4.5	...
118	193	BPP	246	+1	8.3	4.2	13.6
179	154	BSM	160	+2	...	4.5	14.0
298	195	Barbour Index	235	...	9.0	4.3	16.0
27	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
244	194	Brit Data Mgt	206	...	4.7	2.9	15.0
27	11	Broadcastle	22	...	...	1.4	17.5
73	48	Brooks Service	61	+1	...	1.0	...
109	86	CBT Gp	107	...	...	3.4	15.9
281	198½	Capita Group	277	...	...	1.3	33.0
57	11	Casket Plc	51½	...	...	2.2	19.8
31	18½	Chiltern Capital	21	...	...	...	...
70	26	Christie	66	+3	...	...	...
788	226	Chubb Sec	787 †	+6	...	1.7	24.0
127	90	Cemace	123	+11	...	1.5	32.1
44	6½	Corp Services	42	...	...	...	...
91	20	Countrywide	85	...	...	...	...
171	93	Dart	155 †	-5	3.1	2.2	21.0
256	198	Davis Service	254	+4	...	3.0	19.1
124	85	EW Facia	122	...	4.4	4.6	14.0
32	11	Gardiner	26½	...	0.4	2.0	19.4
298	215	Hays	296	-10	...	2.2	25.7
266	174	Hugo Robinson	264 †	...	...	3.2	19.2
30	14	Holmes Protectn	30	...	...	...	...
344	127	Hutch Whamp	304	-27½	...	1.6	25.1
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2096½	-9½	...	1.0	14.5
607	475	Inchcape	544	+1	...	3.2	17.9
401	190	Johnson Clean	401	+15	35.7	3.6	19.7
12	5	Leo	6½	...	...	...	...
304	171	Mitie Gp	304	-7	3.5	1.4	27.7
1232½	993½	Manpower	1196½	-15½	...	...	...
69	40½	Michael Page	69½	...	1.8	3.3	29.1
229	115	Pennia	125	...	5.0	8.7	4.3
6	2	Prime People	4½	-½	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot Alm	74	...	...	29.3	3.5
423	333	RCO	358	-1	14.1	5.0	12.3
119	96	REA	105	...	2.0	2.4	...
123	41	Reed Executive	123	+3	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Sec	117	+2	4.5	4.8	25.1
259	126	Rentokil	249	+5	2.5	1.3	31.1
340	270	Rolfe & Nolan	340 †	...	...	2.7	23.3
390	319	Salvesen (C)	322 †	+17½	...	2.2	24.7
51	26	Scot Pickford	49	...	0.8	2.0	15.6
10	5	Select Appt	9	...	...	...	...
1315	695	Serco Gp	1311	...	13.3	1.3	36.3
352	83	Sherwd Cmps	183	+3	...	7.7	3.3
130	90	Sketchley	102	...	...	3.7	23.3
355	110	Warner Howard	327	...	6.0	2.5	17.1
45	27	Welpac	27	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wills Gp	27	...	...	1.0	19.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	234	-1	...	2.3	21.4
1041	613	Amersham	993	+2	...	1.7	29.6
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£119½	8325	BASF DM	£111½	-11½	...	5.6	...
344	199	BTP	344 †	+5	...	3.5	27.6
£14½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£134½	-3½	...	1.8	...
178	105	Blagden	156	+11	6.5	5.2	16.8
165	93	Brent Chems	121	...	...	7.0	11.1
531	340	Br Bio-Tech	348	...	...	...	...
39	5	Card Gp	5½	...	...	...	26.0
180	126	Canning (W)	172	...	7.2	5.3	19.7
619	421	Courtaulds	511 †	+3	...	3.5	12.8
396	228	Croda	396	+2	...	3.2	21.4
144	101	Dreflex	119	+1	4.6	4.9	9.0
255	175	Ellis & Everard	255	+1	...	3.5	24.1
42½	15½	Euro Colour	35½	...	0.9	3.1	17.0
351	259	Halstead (J)	346	-2	...	3.1	17.1
241	150	Hickson	175	-2	...	5.7	18.2
£129½	8850	Hoechst	£116½	-134½	...	3.2	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	186	+1	...	2.5	17.1
805	608	ICI	775	+9	...	4.4	...
790	526	Laporte	787	+18	19.0	3.2	21.7
230	181	Leigh	218 †	+1	...	4.5	19.2
95½	35	MTM	54	+1	...	...	...
2134½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2121½	+25	...	1.3	30.5
470	370	Paterson Zoch	468	...	...	3.4	15.8
425	360	-do- 'A'	423	...	...	3.7	14.3
296	191	Plysu	234 †	+3	...	3.9	19.1
303	173	Porvair	272½	...	3.8	1.7	20.1
70	35	Suncliffe Speak	55	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	457	+2	...	4.7	21.1
530	395	Wlstnhlme R	580	...	17.0	4.7	19.8
428	330	Yorks Chem	428	+3	...	2.3	22.9
300	233	Yule Catto	291	+3	...	2.6	18.1
869	593	Zeneca	838	+13	...	4.1	40.5

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	62	-1	...	6.0	...
238	173	Allders	238	+5	...	3.2	17.7
410	257	Argos Plc	379	...	...	2.4	32.3
25	9	Ashley Group	9	...	...	2.6	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	84	+3	0.1	0.1	...
330	229	Asprey	322 †	+2	5.2	2.0	20.8
195	94	Austin Reed	186	...	...	1.7	...
150	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	...	...	5.0	15.4
140	94	Bentalls	135	...	1.9	1.8	...
278	125	Boxcware	133	+1	...	2.0	15.9
47	22	Blacks Leis	37 †	...	2.2	7.6	...
251½	133	Body Shop	245 †	+3	...	0.9	31.6
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	9½	...	...	1.1	4.9
437	318	Brown (N)	437	+6	...	2.1	25.7
87½	60½	Burton	70	+2½	...	3.6	...
205	126	Cantors	205	...	...	2.4	28.6
443	295	Church	443	+3	12.5	3.5	39.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	165	-1	4.3	3.3	19.9
280½	232	Coats Viyella	277½	+0½	...	3.4	37.8
120	78	Colourvision	115	-3	5.6	6.1	20.7
181	154	Cry Casuals	166	...	...	3.1	15.6
935	374	Courts Furnish	892	-8	5.6	0.8	11.2
155	115	Crown Eyes	155	...	7.5	6.0	10.6
137	39	Dairy Farm Intl	121½	+3	...	3.0	17.9
99½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	99½	...	0.8	1.0	31.9
293	189	Dixons Grp	228	-3	...	3.5	...
21	8	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
244	71	Essex Furn	220	...	...	2.0	35.2
273	203	Etam	255	+1	7.0	3.4	23.4
608	499	Fine Art Dev	554 †	+12	13.0	3.1	17.4
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
695	498	Forminster	695 †	...	14.5	2.6	12.6
180	24	French Conn	132	+6	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	67	...	...	3.9	20.8
100	73	Goldsmiths Gp	88	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	604	+1	...	2.4	18.6
40	21	Hampden Grp	25	+2	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Hartstone	68	+4	...	...	...
33½	20	Helene Plc	31	...	2.0	8.1	14.6
108	29	Heritage	108	...	...	...	...
86	35	Honeysuckle	77	-1	...	3.7	11.3
211	63	Jacques Vert	202	...	...	2.2	15.4
783	490	Kingfisher	730	-3	...	2.4	25.1
76	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	74	...	4.0	6.8	15.3
685	495	Liberty	539	...	7.2	1.7	63.3
380	241	Lloyds Chem	359	...	...	2.5	12.6
176	120	MFI	173	-1	...	2.7	36.4
461½	311	Marks Spencer	452 †	+8½	...	2.3	23.1
588	445	Menzies (John)	588	...	...	2.3	16.7
274	125	Moss Bros	268	...	5.5	2.6	31.5
240	139½	Next	231	+4	3.5	1.9	27.6
41	15	Oliver (G)	40	...	...	...	...
325	197	Oriflame Intl	318	...	...	3.9	15.4
63	24	Pennos	36	...	0.8	2.8	7.5
313	185	QS Hldgs	245	...	5.1	2.6	17.4
69½	20½	Rhino Grp	48	+3	...	...	...
190	120	Rosebys	190	...	...	3.2	22.8
181	135	Sherwood Gp	165	+4	...	2.0	14.9
131½	93	Sears	123	...	...	3.6	...
41½	11	Signet Group	32½	+1	...	...	...
530	400	Smith WH 'A'	504	-7	...	3.5	16.5
122	83	-do- B	121	...	...	2.9	19.8
20	4½	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
252	170	Storehouse	237 †	-1	...	2.6	23.4
191	146	T & S Stores	154	...	6.0	4.9	11.5
162	71	Tie Rack	161	+1	1.0	0.8	26.4
255	160	Time Products	255	+1	7.2	3.8	22.0
128	63	Usher (Frank)	122	+2	6.0	6.1	10.5
434	302	Vendome	434	+7	...	1.8	20.2
45	27	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
67	42	WEW Group	64	...	...	2.6	47.2
48	34	Wensum	47	...	1.8	5.0	...
120	76	Wickes	113	-1	...	0.2	51.4
75	45	Wld of Leather	66	+4	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	190	+3	...	2.8	25.1
4	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	155	+4	...	4.0	15.6
275	223	Acal	263 †	...	...	3.1	18.9
490	385	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
173	104	Alba	173	+2	...	3.5	19.5
50	19½	Alphameric	37	+3	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	44½	+½	...	1.4	...
128	61	App Holo	95	+12	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	32	-2	...	...	...
88	39½	Ascc	86½	-1	...	0.4	...
266	230	Azlan	256	-1	...	1.5	30.5
293	224	Beales Hunter	242	+1	...	4.9	15.0
9	2	Bennett & Fountn	4½	...	...	...	...
451	319	BICC	439	-3	19.2	5.5	...
558	408	Blick	495	+10	...	2.6	18.0
1700	925	Borland	1100	...	...	...	...
384	220	Bowthorpe	367	-5	...	2.4	24.3
489½	376	BT	460 †	-1	...	4.4	17.8
232½	150	BT P/P	202 †	-3	...	4.4	21.8
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	...	0.1	0.7	...
160	48	Burnfield	60	+1	5.7	12.0	9.5
545	334½	Cable Wireless	508 †	+13	...	1.9	26.6
27½	11½	Chloride	22	...	...	...	...
276	239	CML Micro	276	...	4.7	2.1	30.1
125	74	Compur People	125	+5	...	...	...
173	108½	Cray Elect	167	+2½	...	1.3	17.1
437	243	Critchley	436 †	...	...	1.4	25.1
554	414	Delta	519	+3	...	3.4	21.7
468	205	Densmans El	468	...	6.2	1.7	19.9
630	395	Domino	430	...	7.4	2.2	14.3
77	48	Dowding Mills	76	...	...	4.1	32.6
1480	865	Drucks	1480	+5	10.3	0.9	31.5
554	358	Electrocmpnts	547	+1	...	1.9	22.3
730	470	El Data Pre	580	-5	5.5	1.2	∞
160	43	Electron House	157	-2	...	2.1	34.4
30½	10½	Emess	25½	+½	0.1	0.5	...
745	442	Eurotherm	744	...	9.5	1.6	∞
202	108	FKI	184½	-5½	...	2.2	27.0
609	340	Farnell Elec	607	+1	...	1.4	32.1
91	33	Feedback	73 †	...	...	3.4	9.9
18	1	Ferranti	1 §	...	...	...	...
315	101	First Tech	314	...	...	0.8	26.1
270	81	Forward Gp	238	...	4.0	2.1	16.8
22½	13½	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	332 †	-1	10.4	3.9	16.6
199	132	Graseby	168	...	...	8.1	35.3
14	7½	Graystone	11½	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hillcare	41	-1	0.5	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM	135	...	3.1	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	149	...	...	3.7	15.0
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.9	15.5
105	36	Kalamazoo	103 †	...	2.7	3.3	23.9
19	8	Kembrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
386	260	Kenwood App	385	...	...	2.6	21.4
265	47	Kewill Sys	223	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	138	-4	6.0	5.4	16.4
60	16	Laser-Scan	31	-4	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
300	205	Lec Refrig	255	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	129	Life Sciences	157	-½	3.7	3.0	17.0
395	164	Logica	304	+1	...	1.6	35.0
55	44	LPA Ind	52	...	3.5	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	192	-11	...	3.4	18.0
719	523	Macro 4	715	-3	...	3.1	21.7
247	175½	Memler-Sw	247	...	...	1.9	21.9
1013	903	Micro Focus	1070	...	...	...	9.9
157	144	Microgen	151	+6	7.2	6.2	∞
35½	2½	Microvitec	32½	...	...	...	...
529	352	Misys	513	...	...	1.7	18.7
584	98	Mitel	468	+8	...	...	...
156	108	MMT Comp	156	...	...	3.2	21.2
52	16	Molynx	36½	...	1.3	4.5	...
276	202	MTL Inst	260	...	3.7	1.8	19.6
165	103	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
269	116	Murray Enter	266 †	...	...	1.9	∞
3209½	2612½	NYNEX	2990½	-40½	...	...	...
188	134	Neutronics	125	...	2.6	2.6	∞
65	42	Newmark (L)	53	...	...	...	...
295	58	Norbain	284	...	...	0.7	21.9
53	20	Northamber	51	-1	0.6	1.5	...
15	5	Oceonics	7	...	...	...	...
337	195	Oxford Inst	335	...	4.6	1.7	23.0
83	48	P-E Internt'l	82	...	...	...	...
81½	39	P & P	72	+4	1.5	2.6	38.2
99½	55	Peek	91	...	3.4	4.7	23.8
227	115	Perarus	219	+2	...	3.6	56.2
£102½	9000	Philips Fn 4%	£102½	...	...	5.0	...
1500	725	-do- Lnp nv	1490½	-37½	...	...	...
403	211	Phonelink	373	...	...	...	...
325	177	Pifco	325	...	...	1.6	27.2
315	157½	-do- 'A' Voting	315	...	...	1.6	26.4
96	63	Plasmec	77	...	3.0	5.2	6.1
120	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
218	81	Psion	218	+5	2.5	1.4	57.9
261	147	Racal Elect	199 †	+5	4.2	2.7	11.8
70	33	Radamec	48	...	...	3.9	10.3
43	21	Radius	35	-2	2.2	8.0	12.1
95	61	Real Time	86	-4	...	4.4	17.7
35	15	Rivas	17	-1	...	...	21.6
627	367	Sage Gp	516	...	...	2.4	15.6
348	222	Sanderson Elec	339 †	+1	9.9	3.7	14.5
92	34	Scantronic	86 †	+6	3.1	4.6	23.5
205	117	Scholes Grp	191	-3	...	3.3	24.7
375	270	Serna Gp	320	+1	2.9	1.1	26.0
45	26	S.Dersaines	42	...	...	3.0	...
73	27	Soundtracks	73	+1	2.2	3.0	24.6
2675	1775	TDK	2334½	-55½	...	1.3	26.6
25	4½	TDS Circuits	17½	...	...	...	...
199	81	Telemetrix	158	-1	0.8	0.6	26.0
1060	994	THORN EMI	1070 †	-25	...	3.7	24.8
152	96	Thorpe FW	135	...	...	2.5	15.7
103	25	Total Systems	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
575	392	Tunstall	565 †	...	7.0	1.5	∞
286	194	Unitech	285	+7	...	2.7	67.5
15	6	Verity	12	...	...	...	...
32	22	Vistec	23½	...	...	...	...
634	367	Vodafone	534 †	+7	0.3	2.0	17.9
473	305	Volex	454 †	+3	19.1	5.0	19.6
26	11	Western Select	20 †	...	0.2	1.6	...
305	223	Wholesale Fgs	303	...	11.7	4.8	32.2

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
650	549	East Midlands	633	-1	...	4.1	11.1
704	549	Eastern Elec	641	-5	...	4.0	12.1
482	334	Hydro-Elec	436	-11	...	3.4	15.2
677	404	London Elec	619 †	-6	...	4.3	11.7
772	458	Manweb	736	-3	...	3.8	9.1
771	424	Midlands Elec	676	-9	...	4.0	10.6
587	377	National Powr	467 †	-11	...	3.0	11.6
741	443	Northern Elec	690	-5	...	4.1	8.9
283	100	Nthn Ireland	266	-2	...	3.3	12.8
765	438	Norweb	715	-3	20.5	3.7	10.2
472	318	PowerGen	535	-6	...	2.6	14.0
457	295	Scottish Power	441	-13	...	3.3	16.2
754	436	Seeboard	712	-8	...	3.6	11.1
730	469	Sth Wales	724	-8	...	4.0	11.0
706	435	Sth Western	647	-8	...	4.1	9.4
724	406	Southern Elec	658 †	-8	...	3.9	8.7
692	455	Yorkshire Elec	653	-7	...	4.1	12.3

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
605	50	Aitken Hume	55	-1	1.0	2.4	11.2
135	47	BWD	135	+2	3.4	3.1	21.1
115	26	Baillie Plc	115	+5	...	1.1	...
638	412	Caledonia	638 †	+7	...	3.0	23.7
2000	1075	Camellia	1900	-100	...	2.0	7.2
356	243	Candover	348	...	10.4	3.8	...
385	71	Flexech	379 #	...	0.5	0.2	...
403	155	Govett	401	+1	...	4.1	11.8
211	125	Ivory Sime	210 †	...	...	4.2	18.1
240	154	Lon Forfaiting	236	...	8.7	4.6	17.2
81	47	Manakin	80	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10½	+½	...	...	0.2
53	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	317	...	6.5	2.6	19.3
26	17	Rutland Tst	22½	...	...	4.4	13.4
340	253	S & U	313	...	10.2	4.1	11.6
96	48	Singer & Fried	93	...	...	4.0	...
1138	713	Sotheby's	1100	-5	...	3.1	...
147	113	SIP Capital	145	+1	3.0	2.6	59.8
206	183	Towry Law	203	...	...	2.8	19.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2100 †	+56½	...	...	...
1131	835	Henderson Ad	1028	+5	...	5.1	23.7
208	92	Invesco	202	+5	...	1.9	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	279½	+9½	...	2.9	11.5
285	154	MAI	282	+6	...	3.1	17.9
730	398	MAM	729	+8	16.0	2.7	18.2
1038	633	M & G	1038 †	+2	...	3.0	21.7
443	109	Smith New Ct	442	-1	...	2.0	4.3
81	45	Trio Hldgs	56	...	2.5	5.7	∞

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
574	456	AB Food	574	+4	...	3.1	11.7
77½	46½	ASDA Group	63½	+2½	1.6	3.1	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	365	-2	8.0	2.8	∞
80	55	Albert Fisher	73	+6	...	6.4	16.2
407	246	Argyll	301 †	+3	...	4.6	10.8
260	160	Banks (S C)	259	...	9.0	4.3	11.5
402	305	Barr (AG)	318	...	6.5	2.6	∞
85	56	Bensons Crsp	66	...	...	5.4	14.6
141	100	Berisford Intl	128 #	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	444	+4	...	6.1	38.5
52	35	Borthwick	50½	...	...	3.0	62.7
505	430	Brake Bros	470	...	6.3	1.7	19.6
51	37	Budgen	37	...	...	3.4	11.2
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	529	+1	...	3.2	18.7
222	78	Carrs Milling	193 †	-1	...	2.8	14.1
196	133	Carnwick	156 †	+1	...	6.4	14.8
22	8½	Cullens	19½	...	0.5	4.0	44.5
384	119	Dalepak	145	...	6.0	5.2	11.4
523	424	Dalgety	523	+4	...	4.9	14.9
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
284	191	Devro	282	...	...	2.6	24.9
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
390	269	Farepak	390	...	3.7	1.8	24.0
10	3	Farmfugtnd	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	75	...	...	6.9	24.9
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	18.0
483	256	Geest	275	+2	8.1	3.7	12.4
16	7	Global	14	...	0.5	4.5	21.8
50	43	Grand Central	50	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	167 †	+8	...	4.9	9.4
186	131	Hillsdown	159	...	8.8	6.0	14.4
250	146	Iceland Group	194	+1	...	2.3	12.2
131	92	JLI Group	108 †	...	...	5.4	12.0
853	542	Kwik Save	618	+1	...	3.7	11.1
262	144	Low (Wm)	192	-1	...	5.5	6.7
90	41	Matthews (B)	89	...	2.3	3.3	58.3
19½	11	Merchant Retail	15	-½	0.9	8.0	30.3
174	84	Morrison (W)	116	...	...	0.9	15.1
233	177	Nichols (JN)	226	...	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	207½	Nthn Foods	253 †	+1	...	4.2	12.4
20½	8	Nrthmbrn Fds	9	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	189	+1	...	4.1	10.5
286	205	Park Foods	277	+1	...	2.7	21.4
115	58	Perkins Food	66	+2	...	8.4	7.6
121	47	PizzaExpress	115	-1	...	0.5	24.3
9	1½	Regina Hith	4½	-½	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	478 †	-12	...	2.7	16.8
86	33	Sentry Farm	73	...	1.5	2.6	13.1
225	90	Sims Food	104	...	...	7.8	20.0
451	355½	Tate & Lyle	444 †	-3½	...	3.7	11.9
273	176	Tesco	241	+2½	...	3.8	10.9
211	123	Thorntons	182	...	...	2.5	...
203	101	Trestle	197	-3	3.7	2.6	∞
411	300	Unigate	409	...	...	5.0	13.4
437	326	Utd Biscuits	379	...	...	5.0	23.5
24½	18½	Usborne	20½	-½	...	3.3	15.1
358	248	Watson & Phil	350	-1	14.3	5.3	∞
59	30½	West Trust	40	...	...	8.4	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H	26	...	...	...	...
97½	77	City Centre Rest	91½	...	1.5	2.1	22.1
283	170	Forte	283	-13	...	3.3	22.2
215	148	Friendly Hotels	175	...	...	4.1	34.1
11½	5	Harmony Props	11	...	...	...	...
169½	87	Jurys Hotel	162½	...	...	3.9	13.2
222½	142	Ladbroke	209½	-7	11.1	6.7	17.8
98	59	Mandarin Orntl	89½	+4½	...	3.7	22.3
2½	¼	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	22½	+1	...	5.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	808	+3	7.0	1.1	...
79	34½	Stakis	79	+1	1.0	1.6	∞

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	44	...	...	25.0	2.7
616	455	AAH	496 †	+1	...	4.4	16.5
185	123	AIM	147	...	7.5	6.4	8.9
132	88	APV	126	...	...	5.4	...
238	81	ASW	162	+2	...	4.6	...
192	118	Adwest	190	...	...	4.7	18.3
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	28.3
301	249	Airsprung	301 †	...	...	1.9	19.2
200	113	Alexdra W	199	...	4.1	2.6	31.5
13½	6½	Allied Radio	8½	+1	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	288	...	...	2.5	17.0
48	17	Alvis	41 †	+½	1.0	3.0	∞
725	345	Amber Ind	725 †	...	...	1.3	16.6
56	45	Amberley Gp	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
107	75	Anagen	80	...	...	...	...
145	66	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	4.4	...
1350	703	Anglo-Gasta	1325	+5	...	1.5	24.5
54½	37	Armour	48½	-1	...	4.2	11.5
170	143	Ash & Lacy	168	...	6.4	4.8	17.2
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.9	42.5
541½	434	Avon Rubber	530 †	+5	...	3.9	∞
270	168	Assoc Nurse	270 †	...	...	0.5	16.6
687½	488	Atlas Equip	493	...	...	5.6	13.4
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
208	147	BBA	208	+3½	...	4.5	17.7
115	28	BLP Group	115	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	30½	+1	...	2.6	...
770	590	BOC	639 †	-1	...	4.5	15.2
79½	50	BSG	72	...	...	5.6	25.1
549	353	BSS Group	549 †	+1	...	3.9	30.6
409½	318	BTR	360	+9	...	3.9	20.1
221	147	BWI	159	...	...	5.3	14.7
50	25½	Babcock	36	-½	...	3.8	21.5
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	10	-1	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	262	...	8.9	4.2	18.2
1062½	400	Barlow Rand	412½	...	...	7.9	7.5
66	48	Baynes (Charles)	65	...	...	2.8	26.6
28½	14	Bearing Power	20½	-½	0.7	4.6	∞
15	4	Beaufort	4	...	...	...	...
2	2	Beckenham	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	15½	...	...	2.4	11.7
707	285	Bespak	355 †	...	10.2	3.6	11.1
133	55	Bibby (J)	71	-2	2.0	3.5	∞
312	129	Billam (J)	203	...	5.3	3.3	10.2
41	21½	Bilston Battsea	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	4½	...	...	...	...
253	118½	Birkby	253 †	+4	3.7	1.8	13.2
45	29	Black Arrow	33	+2	2.1	8.0	10.4
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
266	136	Black (Peter)	266	...	3.7	1.8	23.4
590	129	Bluebird Toys	585	+5	4.5	1.0	17.8
322	230	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.3	18.2
40	23	Bogod 'A'	35 †	...	0.7	2.5	13.0
609	416	Boots	567 †	+11	...	3.0	22.4
61	39	Booth Inds	57	...	...	...	...
523	402	Bowater	498	+19	...	3.0	20.8
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1609½	+15½	...	...	...
270	199	Boxmore Intl	259	...	3.7	1.8	19.4
19	12½	Brasway	16½	-½	...	3.9	...
310	204	Brammer	310	...	13.0	5.2	23.1
29	12	Bridgend Gp	27	+1	0.4	...	...
125	64	Bridon	123	...	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	81 †	...	...	3.9	...
53½	31	Brierley Inv	52½	+1½	...	6.4	13.0
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	215	+15	8.0	4.7	∞
119	42	Br Bloodstock	103	-1	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	452	...	...	2.8	16.2
139½	54	Br Steel	123 †	+½	...	1.5	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	...
195	115	Br Thornton	155 †	-1	...	4.0	16.1
273	215	Br Vita	273	+3	7.3	3.3	16.8
15½	9½	Briton Grp	14½	...	...	...	...
850½	555	Broken Hill	850½	+23½	...	2.2	38.5
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	100	+3	...	5.6	12.8
11½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	54	...	...	...	...
165	91	Bullough	165	...	6.0	4.6	28.3
24	11½	Business Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
48	12	CI Group	15	...	0.5	4.8	14.4
42	11	Campbell & Arm	40	...	...	...	...
33	6½	Cannon St	33½	...	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	260	...	...	5.0	17.6
440	254	Caradon	434	+7	...	2.5	35.1
214	128	-do- pf	207½	+1½	7.2	4.4	...
287	178	Carclo Eng	287	+1	8.6	3.7	20.4
2587½	2025	Carnaud Ml	2229½	-34½	...	2.8	∞
96	68	Cassidy Bros	86	+4	...	3.5	13.0
235	158	Castings	233 †	...	4.6	2.5	16.4
71	53	Cathay Intl	61	...	...	...	...
250	217	Celtech	222	+1	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	175	...	6.5	4.6	10.9
767	605	Charter	767 †	+18	...	3.6	11.8
345	220	Chemring	324 †	+1	...	3.5	16.8
92	45	Chieftain Gp	46	...	4.5	12.2	9.9
49½	15½	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
233	144	Christies Int	230	-1	...	0.8	57.1
71	34	Claybithe	71	+1	...	4.4	...
103	55	Clayton Son	103	+33	...	...	...
415	295	Cohen (A)	415	...	3.4	1.0	...
345	170	Community H	345	...	...	3.5	16.7
246	186½	Concentric	230 †	...	5.8	3.2	∞
292	120	Cook (Wm)	292	-1	6.0	2.6	17.3
269½	182	Cookson	289	-2	...	2.9	34.3
95	34	Copymore	95	...	...	1.3	29.0
238	130	Crowell Pic 'A'	155	...	...	4.6	21.0
178	42	Cosalt	130 †	+3	...	5.2	...
255	150	Creighton N	255 †	+1	7.4	3.6	18.3
48	27	CrestaCare	40	...	0.6	2.0	34.6
4006½	2993½	Dana	3943½	...	...	...	...
345	78½	Danka Bs Sys	323 †	+3	...	0.6	30.7
263	193	David Brown	263	...	...	2.9	18.7
22	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
912	632	De La Rue	911 †	-22	...	2.6	21.9
38	16	Dinkie Heel	37	...	1.1	3.7	20.5
593	391	Diploma	575	+2	12.0	2.6	∞
92	50	Dobson Park	91 †	-1	3.7	5.2	∞
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	115	...	5.0	5.4	21.2
83	57	-do- 'A'	82	...	5.0	7.6	15.1
16½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	358	EIS	422	...	...	3.6	16.7
28	19	Elbief	24	...	...	...	...
50	19	Eleco	48	...	...	...	...
2712½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2712½	+231½	...	1.9	...
76	43	Elliott (B)	76	+1	...	...	...
519	394	Eng China Cl	515	+2	...	4.9	30.0
144	111	Environmed	140	...	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2953½	+104½	...	1.0	...
86	32	Eurocopy	85	...	1.7	2.5	∞
87	47	Expamet	63	+3	...	4.8	1.5
725	499	Fairey Group	724	...	10.7	1.8	22.3
121	47	Fenner	114	...	...	...	...
90	32	Ferraris Group	89 †	...	...	2.8	13.2
29	12	Ferrum	12	...	1.4	14.6	8.4
66	28	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	...
251	102	Fisons	142	...	...	7.7	13.2
58	29	Flexwilton	58 †	...	...	7.6	...
288	215	Flogas	263	...	...	3.8	12.0
46	33	Folkes Group nv	45	...	1.5	4.2	25.5
118	56	French (Thomas)	115	+12	3.6	4.0	∞
263	162	Frost Group	261	...	...	2.1	33.8
88	70	GEI Int	79	+1	...	3.9	...
570	434	GKN	570	+1½	...	4.5	38.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	4.4	...
124	79	Garton Eng	124	+7	4.1	4.2	...
161	103	Gestetner	126	-2	8.2	7.3	6.1
68	23	Gleves	63	...	...	...	43.6
801	509	Glaxo	677	+13	...	4.1	17.7
38½	16	Glenchewton	36	...	...	...	...
374	245	Glynwed	372	+8½	11.6	3.9	35.1
153	66	Goode Durrant	153	...	...	4.5	...
185	102	Grampian Hld	170	...	5.5	4.0	29.5
587	341	Granada	551 †	-11	...	2.0	21.8
463	301	Great Sthrn	463	...	11.4	3.1	19.0
117	73	Green (Ernst)	83	+1	...	10.5	12.6
15½	8½	Greenacre	14½	...	...	2.6	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp	6 #	...	...	...	...
70	30½	Haden MacLn	70	...	...	3.6	25.2
102	44	Hadleigh Inds	93 †	...	1.0	1.3	...
290	115	Hall Eng	278	+1	8.6	3.9	23.2
235	161	Halma	223 †	...	...	1.2	27.9
56	30	Hampson Ind	54½	+½	1.0	3.7	18.0
286½	222	Hanson	272½	+4½	...	5.2	20.2
221	146	Harris (Philip)	156 †	+2	...	5.5	9.5
205	147	Harrisn Crsfld	203	+3	9.0	5.5	29.3
158	38	Havelock Euro	153	-2	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
40	17	Headway	38	...	...	2.3	...
13½	1½	Healthcare	1½ #	...	...	...	0.5
486	301	Hepworth	479	+10	14.8	3.9	20.6
228	154	Hewitt (J)	185	-18	3.2	2.2	14.5
57½	15	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
187	112½	Hill & Smith	186	...	...	3.8	25.0
19½	8½	Hobson	17	...	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech	172	...	6.0	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	46	+2	0.9	2.4	34.8
189	133	Hornby	189	+2	9.0	6.0	17.8
97	54½	Howden	93	-1	2.2	3.0	17.0
260	173	Hunting	244	+4	...	5.1	20.6
513	269½	Hunslgh Tec	503	-7	...	2.5	12.8
349	247	IMI	349	+4	...	3.6	31.0
131	90	ISA Intl	131	+1	1.5	1.5	20.4
205	131	Intercare Gp	160 †	+1	3.5	2.7	∞
290	235	Isotron	290	...	4.3	1.9	16.8
707	360	Jardine Math	607½	+40½	...	2.1	22.0
558	425	Johnson Mathi	550 †	...	...	2.4	21.5
64	35½	Johnson & FB	39 †	...	...	4.3	37.1
177	104	Johnston	160	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	26	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
178	73	Kalon	167	...	...	2.6	23.2
297	195	Kelsey Ind	230 †	...	8.0	4.3	∞
785	465	Kerrham (A)	785	-35	27.0	4.4	∞
276	75	Kleeneze	274 †	...	1.0	0.5	∞
164	61	LGW	160	-3	3.4	2.7	13.3
402	266	Laird	382	+8	...	3.4	18.8
157½	103	Lilleshall	145	...	...	3.8	19.1
223	97	Lincat	205	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse	32½	...	...	...	26.8
128	76	Linread	113	...	3.8	4.2	17.5
340	170	Linton Park	338	...	...	5.2	12.2
15½	9½	Lionheart	11½	-½	0.2	2.2	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	0.8	6.3	24.7
274	97	Lon Intl	159	+5	6.2	4.9	...
149½	70	Lonrho	148	+7	4.0	3.4	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	384	+1	...	3.0	33.8
49	14½	ML Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
59	27	MS Intl	59 †	+2	...	5.3	16.2
59	39	MY Holdings	52 †	...	...	3.0	13.7
251	168	Macfarlane	251	+5	...	1.7	28.4
479	379	McKechnie	477 †	+2	...	3.9	23.0
127	85	McLeod Russel	121 †	...	...	6.3	17.9
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
132	71	Mang Bronze	130	...	2.5	2.4	∞
26½	19½	Marling	22	...	...	4.9	...
228	124	Mayburn	228	...	5.2	2.9	17.5
62	29	Mayflower	56	...	...	1.0	46.8
236	85	Medeva	163	+6	...	1.8	13.2
118	88	Meggitt	106	+1	...	4.5	18.0
125	98	Metalr	120	-1	...	3.9	19.6
154	112	Metrotect	127 †	-1	...	3.2	17.6
101	70	Metsec	101	...	...	...	...
98	29	Midstates	98	-2	...	1.0	13.6
5	½	Middlesex	4½	+½	...	...	...
575	368	Molins	550	-12	...	3.3	13.2
389	262	Morgan Cble	381	-1	...	4.1	20.0
184	134	Morris Ashby	177	...	5.7	4.1	13.3
41	18	Neepsend	41 †	+1	1.0	3.0	53.0
74	34	Nestor-BNA	72	...	3.1	5.5	17.2
249	122	Nobo Gp	242	-7	5.3	2.8	23.7
195	122½	Norcros	190 †	+5	...	4.6	27.8
51	33	Novo Group	34 †	-1	...	4.0	10.9
413	310	Nu-Swift	399	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	54	-1	...	...	...
67½	21	OMI Intl	63 †	...	...	3.5	...
165	123	PCT	162	...	7.2	5.6	18.4
91	36	Pacer Systems	83	...	...	5.2	...
138	87½	Pentland	117	...	...	2.8	15.9
395	283	Photo-Me	284	...	4.6	2.0	18.4
187	97½	Pilkington	186 †	+½	...	1.7	...
101	68	Plantsbrook	101	+1	3.1	3.8	15.9
166	125	Polypipe	166	+5	2.1	1.6	22.4
42	15	Porter Chadburn	33	...	...	2.3	10.1
14½	5½	Porth Gp	12½	...	...	...	...
376	272	Powerscreen	333 †	-1	...	2.6	17.3
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	...	...	5.2	11.2
65	37½	RPS Group	60	+2	2.3	4.8	13.3
95	73	Radiant Metal	82	...	...	...	...
180	77	Ramco Oil	155	+1	1.0	0.8	51.9
1036	636	Rank Org	1019	+18	...	1.8	22.0
33	13	Ransomes	18	...	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Coln	685	-3	...	3.0	15.8
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
277	131	Relyon	222	+2	5.0	2.3	32.6
303	208	Renishaw	298	...	...	2.7	35.4
135	55	Renold	131 †	...	...	1.6	...
1903	1240	Reuters	1902	+49	22.1	1.5	31.5
87	24½	Rexmore	82 †	...	2.0	3.1	...
196	91	Ricardo Group	192	+2	...	2.7	27.2
76	58	Richard (Leics)	71	...	3.7	6.6	...
98	63	Richardson West	93	+1	3.0	4.1	23.8
142	109	Ropner	138	...	8.2	7.5	19.6
136	97	-do- 'A'	134	...	8.2	7.7	19.0
38	14	Ross Gp	18½	...	0.6	4.4	7.6
184	131½	Rotork	180	+3	...	2.6	21.1
172	89	Rubicon	172	...	...	2.9	24.3
66	43	Russell (A)	65	...	...	1.0	...
38	15	SEP Indl	38 †	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1262½	625	SKF 'B'	1234½	-12½	...	...	...
248	205	Scapa	240½	+½	...	3.0	17.9
238	179	Scholl	195	...	...	4.0	14.2
323	277	Scotts	289	...	...	...	...
1205	917	Securicor	1205	+9	...	0.3	34.1
924	562	-do- 'A'	924	+8	...	0.4	25.4
797	465	Security Serv	797	+11	5.6	0.9	∞
136½	77	Senior Eng	134½	+½	...	3.0	22.5
361	228	Seton Health	326 †	-1	...	2.3	19.2
43	31	Sheldon Jones	33	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	140	...	3.0	2.7	15.1
344	271	Sidlaw	328 †	+2	...	4.0	16.3
567	427	Siebe	567	...	...	2.3	19.9
393	220	Silentnight	366	...	...	2.7	19.8
181	102	Sime Darby	140	...	...	3.9	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	129	+1	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	187	...	...	4.7	14.6
47	35	Six Hundred	39	...	...	4.8	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	156½	+2	...	3.8	17.4
513	373	SmithKline	424 †	+17	9.6	2.9	15.3
450	340	SmithKline Uts	395 †	+20	...	3.1	12.4
479	320	Smiths Ind	479	+7	...	3.1	19.2
140	58	Sdm Bus	79	-2	3.7	6.1	∞
485	265	Spandex	485 †	...	...	1.7	21.6
660	300	Spear (JW)	475	-75	4.5	1.2	8.9
391	314	Spirax-Sarco	390	-1	...	3.0	24.5
145	44	Spring Ram	54½	...	...	0.6	...
230	201	Staveley	227	+2	...	4.7	12.8
205	136	Sterling Ind	205 †	+1	...	3.6	31.4
195	97	Suter	195	...	9.0	5.8	20.4
611	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	512½	+36½	...	1.6	∞
7	1	Sycamore	3½	+½	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	55	...	3.0	7.0	10.5
175	120	Sylone	175 †	...	...	3.4	25.3
455	279	TI	431	-4	...	3.1	28.4
34	12	TLS Range	34	...	0.2	0.9	...
348	211	TT Group	348	...	...	2.4	21.4
292	201	Tabure	285	-4	...	0.8	34.8
868	618	Takeda Chem	741½	+67	...	0.8	14.1
68	24	Tex Hldgs	58	-1	...	7.6	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	101 †	...	...	6.9	17.4
240	190	Titon	219	...	4.2	2.4	∞
274	212½	Tomkins	257	+4	...	3.2	18.8
113	59	Trafalgar H	97 †	+2	...	4.2	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	80 †	...	3.2	5.0	10.1
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	146 †	...	...	6.0	17.6
281	214	UniChem	277	+5	6.4	2.9	18.1
390	275½	Unidare	390	...	...	3.3	∞
36	11½	Unigroup	34	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1165	+3	22.2	2.4	15.8
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7593½	+37½	...	2.7	12.6
24½	9	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
958	513	VSEL	953 †	+6	...	4.0	10.7
19½	6½	Verson	19	...	...	...	...
183	95	Vickers	173	-1	...	1.6	...
367	243	Victaulic	298	...	...	3.3	14.7
499	283	Vinten	479	...	...	1.9	23.3
697	427	Vosper Thorny	697	+3	...	2.9	16.2
48	33	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.3	12.0
475	388	Wagon Ind	475 †	...	...	4.6	20.9
8½	1½	Wakebourne	3½	+½	...	...	17.7
108	71	Walker Greenbk	108	...	3.1	3.6	27.6
289	201	Wassall	285	+8	2.7	1.2	28.8
51	22	Wedgwd Wlgwd	49	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	320	+1	...	2.4	18.1
993	600	Wellcome	655	+5	...	3.3	13.9
24	16	Wellman	24 †	+½	0.9	4.7	39.2
387	260	West Hlthcare	385½	+1½	...	1.2	24.8
510	455	Wharman	502	...	9.7	2.4	17.0
353	211	Whessoe	239 †	...	...	4.3	11.3
99	27	Whitecroft	99	+3	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10½	+½	...	...	...
138	44	Wilkes (James)	138	+1	3.5	...	40.4
403	295½	Williams Hldg	390	+6	12.5	4.0	20.4
46½	17	Wilshaw	43 †	+½	...	1.6	27.1
898	533	Wolseley	885 †	+10	...	1.9	26.4
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	58.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	1.6	...
88	38	Young (H)	78 †	...	3.3	5.3	∞

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1306½	-18½	...	5.1	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1912½	-131½	...	3.8	...
80	30	Archer (AJ)	79	...	1.0	1.6	...
156	118	Bradstock	156	...	5.5	4.5	∞
498	359½	Britannic	448	+2	...	3.2	...
688	558	Com Union	663	+8	...	4.5	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1748	...	...	1.6	23.1
58	18	EAI	58	+7	...	...	...
186	166	Fenchurch Grp	181	-2	...	5.0	16.2
757	546	Gen Accident	738	+15	26.7	4.5	...
236	160	GRE	221	+4	7.1	4.0	18.4
423	283	Heath C E	419	+7	...	4.8	...
228	148	Hogg Gp	168	+2	8.1	6.1	15.2
300	255	Independent Ins	300	...	...	3.4	27.6
215	162	JIB Group	183	...	...	5.1	18.8
546	408½	Legal & Gen	525	-1	...	4.6	31.9
1271½	768½	Liberty Life	1196½	+6½	...	2.6	19.0
121	99	LIMIT	116	...	...	...	...
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	448	-7	17.3	4.8	16.1
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	306	+5	6.7	2.7	19.0
395	274	Londn & Man	394	+6	14.7	4.7	29.0
449	321	Lowndes Lmb	448 †	...	14.0	3.9	16.1
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5550	...	...	3.2	...
130	76	Ordel	112	...	...	5.6	...
83	50½	PWS	83	+2	4.0	6.2	∞
385	282½	Prudential	367	+3	...	4.2	24.4
379½	266½	Refuge	358	+10	...	3.8	39.9
347	248	Royal	325	-3	...	2.5	...
204	150	Sedgwick	195	+4	...	3.8	24.0
261	100	Steel Burrill	136	...	...	11.0	8.0
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	75	...	...	5.1	62.0
418	307	Sun Alliance	388	...	14.2	4.6	...
88	50	Trade Indemnty	85	...	...	...	...
388	239	Transatlantic	385	...	12.0	3.9	35.7
773	499	Utd Friendly	578	...	15.1	3.3	35.2
245	171	Willis Corroon	233	+5	...	3.5	50.1
25	13½	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
450	304	Ang & O'seas	444	+7	6.8	1.9	...
161	124	B2W Conv	159½	...	7.8	6.3	...
210	137½	Bankers	206	+1	3.6	2.2	∞
372	264	Baring Tribue	366	...	6.4	2.2	...
203	131	Berry Starq	202	+1	2.2	1.4	...
117	96½	Br Assets	112	-2	...	4.8	...
93	57½	Br Empire Sec	93	-½	...	1.2	...
37	14	-do- Wnts	36	+2	...	...	...
223	156	Br Inv	220 †	+1	4.6	2.6	...
282	174	Brunner	257	...	5.2	2.6	∞
221	130	Contl Asset	214	-1	2.4	1.4	...
195	143	Derby Inc	157	...	...	11.3	...
320	195	-do- Cap	310	+2	...	...	...
97	62	Drayton Blue	93 †	...	8.4	11.3	...
92	35	-do- Eng Ind	92	+1	1.0	1.4	...
150½	84	-do- Far East	143	+6	0.6	0.5	...
169½	95	-do- Korea	163	-1	0.5	0.4	...
772	576	Dunedn Inc G	752	+3	...	4.3	...
100	76	-do- Japan	92	+1	...	...	...
82	34	-do- Warrants	62	+3	...	...	...
788	513	-do- Wwde	772 †	+7	...	1.5	...
309	222	Dundee & Lon	309 †	...	...	3.6	...
348	250½	Edinburgh	338	+4	8.5	3.1	...
333	183	Electra Inv	328 †	+3	7.0	2.7	∞
208	141	Electric Gen	205 †	...	3.1	1.9	...
122	85	English Scot	122	...	...	...	...
341	205	European Asset	337	...	...	2.1	...
151	77	Finsbury 'A'	150½	+½	3.0	2.5	...
323½	248	Fleming Amer	320	+4	0.8	0.3	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	121	+3	...	...	...
92	52	-do- Warrants	82	+12	...	...	...
250	190½	-do- Claver	245½	+1	...	2.7	...
366	212	Do Cont	358	-1	2.7	0.9	...
229	149	-do- Emrg	225	+½	...	2.6	...
459	313	-do- F East	405	+6	1.1	0.3	...
378	248	-do- Fledg	377	...	3.0	1.8	...
122	93	-do- HI Inc	111	+½	...	5.0	...
260	136	-do- Japan	237	+1	...	0.2	...
317½	250	-do- Merc	316 †	+3	6.7	2.7	...
335	212	-do- Oseas	327	...	4.2	1.6	...
298	203	Foreign & Col	294½	+1½	...	1.5	...
140	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	130	+3½	0.2	0.1	∞
74½	44	-do- Enterprise	74	+½	0.4	0.7	...
291	164	-do- Eurotst	248	...	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	128	-2	0.5	0.5	...
357	191	-do- Pacific	332	+12	...	0.8	...
186	116	-do- Smaller	182½	...	1.8	1.3	...
272	145	GT Japan	261	-8	...	0.6	...
180	65	Genl Cons Cap	176	+1	...	...	...
129½	96½	-do- Inc	112	...	...	9.4	...
179	115	Govett Am Smlr	176	...	...	...	...
144	94	-do- Emg Mkts	134	+5	...	...	...
420	184	-do- Oriental	388	+12	0.9	0.3	...
309	207	-do- Strategy	307	+10	...	2.7	...
440	348	Greenfriar	440	+2	...	1.8	...
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
154	124	Inv Cap	147	...	...	4.4	...
111	77	IRS UK Smllr	109	...	2.8	3.2	...
236	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	229	+1	5.1	2.9	∞
264	176	-do- O'seas	252	...	3.3	1.6	...
149	108	-do- Smlr	149	+3	...	2.9	...
826	540	Law Debenture	813	-3	18.5	2.8	...
226	164	Majedie	224	...	...	2.8	...
316	221	Merchants	308	+2½	...	4.5	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2850½	-25	...	...	...
592	383	Monks Inv Tst	583 †	...	...	1.5	...
154	105	Morg Gren Inc	149	+2	4.5	3.8	∞
50	23	Do Warrants	58	...	...	...	...
64	39	Murray Baro	64	...	0.1	0.3	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	22	...	...	...	...
389	282	Murray Income	372 †	+1	10.9	3.7	...
394	265	-do- Intl	376 †	+2	11.6	3.9	...
539	353	-do- Small	517	+3	...	1.0	...
103	86½	-do- S/C Inc	95	...	...	13.9	...
154	73	-do- S/C Cap	154	+5	...	...	...
3250	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3250	...	...	4.1	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	159	...	...	...	...
358	230	-do- Vent	355	...	...	3.8	...
94	68	Nthrng Inc	94	...	6.7	0.1	...
386	249	O'seas Inv Tst	376	+1	...	1.0	...
647	385	Pacific Assets	560	+37	1.1	0.2	...
345	187	Do Warrants	465	+38	...	...	...
8850	7650	Personal Assets	8825	...	19.0	2.7	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	180	...	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	124	...	9.2	9.3	...
465	350	Robeco	430	+5	...	2.9	...
439	340	Rolinco	439	+9	...	1.8	...
300	214	St Andrew Inv	300	+3	7.5	3.1	...
174	131	Scot American	169	+2½	...	3.4	...
371	136	Scot Asian	318	+10	...	...	...
1000	225	do Warrants	968	-20	...	...	...
92	63½	-do- Eastern	90	+2½	1.5	2.1	...
249	183	Scottish	243 †	+1	4.9	2.5	∞
257	178	-do- Mrtge	248	+3	4.0	2.0	...
127½	71	-do- Value	125½	+½	1.6	1.8	∞
1748	1390	Second Allnce	1724	+1	...	2.8	...
103	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	99	+1	3.2	4.1	...
172	109½	Selective Asset	171	...	1.2	0.9	...
46½	14	Sphere Inv	45	...	3.1	8.6	...
205	112	TR Far East	184½	+12½	...	3.4	...
167	126	TR City Of Lon	162½	+1½	...	3.7	...
249	110	TR Pacific	215	+17	0.3	0.2	...
41½	17	TR Property	38	-½	0.9	3.0	...
136	47	TR Tech Inv	127	-1	1.7	1.7	...
240	145	TR Smlr Cos	235	+1	...	2.3	...
399½	283	Temple Bar	389	+5	13.2	4.3	...
135	69	Thrgtn Asian E	129	+6	0.5	0.5	...
86	54	Throgmorton	85½	+2½	2.3	3.4	...
550	363	Thrmg Dual Cp	538	...	...	...	...
260	178	USDC Invest	256	...	4.5	2.2	...
120	76½	Value Inc Tst	118½	...	4.0	4.2	...
930	542	Whitbread Inv	925	...	16.5	2.2	...
249½	181	Witan	240	+2	5.6	2.9	...

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
539	269	Airtours	539 †	+1	...	2.1	17.2
64	41	Ald Leis	42½	...	...	8.8	13.0
487	194	Anglia TV	485	...	...	2.4	22.5
103	63	Baldwin	98	...	4.6	5.9	13.3
269	192	Barr & W 'A'	267	...	10.0	4.7	17.2
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
158	90	Border TV	145	+2	3.6	3.1	12.9
16½	4	Brent Walker	5½	...	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scots	100	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6	-½	...	...	...
292	44	Campari	58	...	8.7	18.9	...
368	171	Capital Radio	359 †	...	5.7	2.0	∞
970	718	Carlton Comm	951	+18	...	2.5	22.4
276	158	Castle Comm	276 †	+6	...	3.8	18.3
2098	1615	Central TV	2063	+28	39.0	1.6	33.3
124	61	Chrysalis	118 †	...	3.2	3.4	...
699	470	Compass Gp	696	...	...	2.3	19.2
350	175	Eurocamp	285	+22	9.7	4.3	11.8
1180	268	Euro Disney	423	+29½	...	2.7	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3½	-½	...	...	...
39½	18	Ex-Lands	35½	-½	...	1.3	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	328	-5	...	4.1	30.2
378	232	First Leisure	324	+14	6.5	2.6	∞
385	71	Flextech	379 #	...	0.5	0.2	...
690	398	GWR Gp	690	...	9.0	1.6	∞
247	149	Grampian	247 †	+3	6.5	3.3	17.1
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	15	...	...	...	...
115	19	HTV Group	111	+1	...	...	49.3
88	30	Hi-Tec Sports	84	...	...	3.3	...
15	9½	Kunick	14½	-½	...	...	...
678	405	LWT Hldgs	667	+6	...	0.9	30.9
600	327	Man Utd	560	...	...	4.4	22.6
48	7½	Northern	40	+2	...	...	7.7
148	59	Owners Abrd	89	...	3.9	5.5	7.1
81	33	The Pelican Gp	81	...	1.1	1.7	19.0
181	55	Prism Leisure	180	-1	3.2	2.3	16.7
42	16	Quadrant Grp	37	...	...	...	...
445	274	Radio Clyde	429 †	-1	...	2.8	19.1
210	132	Ramsdens (H)	209	...	4.5	2.7	27.7
553	410	Scot TV	464	+4	10.3	2.8	22.8
79	37	Southern Radio	79 †	...	...	2.0	35.0
333	168	Stanley Leisure	333	+2	4.3	1.6	26.3
10	5½	Sunleigh	7½	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.4	19.9
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	99 †	...	...	2.5	5.2
92	44	Trans World	91	...	0.8	1.1	33.2
536½	274	Ulster TV	536½	+4½	12.0	2.8	16.5
122	62	Vardon	122	+2	0.8	0.8	28.8
22	11	Wembley	16½	...	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	186	+6	12.0	8.1	5.6
120	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	12.8

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6518½	1800	Am Gold	6234½	+71½	...	3.6	27.9
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1875	...	...	4.9	9.7
3675	1125	Ang Am	3215½	+53½	...	2.2	27.3
37½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	32½	-½	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	158	+2	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	30	...	...	...	5.3
896	233	Buffels	838	+12	...	7.7	7.2
5½	1	Butte	4½	-½	...	...	...
878	546	CRA	813½	+2	...	2.6	26.0
43½	11	Cluff Res	40½	+1	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1750	+6½	...	2.8	23.8
165	37½	Deelkraal	121 †	+1	...	1.6	8.8
96	7	Doornfontein	57	...	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	829 †	+11	...	3.6	13.7
788	120	Durban	695	-23	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	136	+1	...	8.1	4.0
175	35	E Rand Prop	89	-11	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	406	-34	...	3.0	9.6
1237½	290½	ES Cons	1112½	+21½	...	4.4	14.3
80	8	FS Dev	47	...	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1669½	+18½	...	2.4	27.6
150	62½	Gencor	134	-1	...	6.7	15.0
72½	39½	GM Kalgoorli	72½	+2½	...	1.9	20.7
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15	...	...	...	...
202	49	Groovlei	151	+4	...	6.8	9.2
416	78	Harmony	416	+12	...	...	...
430	87	Hartles	378 †	+4	...	7.6	9.4
16½	8½	Inoco	16½	...	...	...	...
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	878½	-37½	...	3.2	28.3
13½	6	Kenmare Res	12½	+1½	...	...	...
1315½	331½	Khorss	1206½	+37½	...	4.7	13.4
913	319	Kloof	825 †	+11	...	2.7	9.8
137	25	Leslie	99	...	...	10.5	5.3
359	13	Loraine	278	-28	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	980	...	...	2.0	...
127½	80	MIM	121	+3	...	1.9	52.4
1505	820	Minorco	1505	+33	...	2.6	17.8
177½	91	Nth Bdn Hill	176½	+7½	...	2.8	27.1
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2806½	+87½	...	4.5	16.6
859	607	RTZ	813	...	...	3.0	23.0
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.1	∞
801½	150	Randfontein	779 †	...	...	3.7	7.8
254	115	Renison	235	...	...	1.9	24.3
1346½	850	Rustnbrg	1190½	-37½	...	2.8	∞
756	191	St Helena	687	+19	...	3.5	14.1
2887½	475	Southvaal	2196½	+93½	...	2.6	38.2
119	58	Sdlfontein	89	+4	...	7.1	15.7
204	58	Unisel	116	...	...	5.7	11.1
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6687½	-25	...	3.3	11.7
813	154	Welkom	729	+19	...	4.6	16.3
640	26	Western Areas	546 †	+25	...	0.9	3.8
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2856½	-131½	...	2.2	13.3
340	176	Wstrn Mining	323½	+8½	...	1.5	...
1225	321½	Winkels	1021½	+3½	...	3.7	9.8
84	49	Zambia Copper	53	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	60	-5	...	7.7	19.9

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
153	78	Appleyard	152	+2	...	4.3	...
350	203	Blechley Mtr	350	...	...	3.3	17.8
202	120	Boxroes	202	-12	6.0	3.7	35.7
488	165	Br Aerospace	424	-8	7.3	2.2	...
58	19½	Burndene	48½	-1½	1.7	4.5	∞
425	303	Caffyns	430 †	-3	11.5	3.5	21.7
15½	4½	Cavendale	14	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	128	...	4.0	3.9	32.5
36	18	Cook (DC)	35 †	...	0.9	3.2	19.9
305	156	Cowie (T)	305	+3	6.6	2.7	23.2
141	86	Dag Motors	140	...	5.7	5.1	25.3
155	102½	Davenpt Vern	144	...	...	3.5	18.2
330	155	ERF	315	...	2.0	0.8	...
151	92	European Mtr	151	...	...	3.1	21.2
454	208	Evans Halshaw	454	+1	11.4	3.2	70.0
290	211	FR Group	265	+1	...	3.4	12.3
4575	2843½	Ford Motor	4543½	+50	...	...	...
4037½	2143½	General Mtr	4037½	+93½	...	1.3	...
75	38	Gowrings	60	...	2.0	4.2	...
303	85	Henlys	301	+1	3.5	1.4	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	958½	+39½	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	98	...	4.5	5.7	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	166	+½	...	2.7	23.3
484	281	Lex Service	479	+5	...	2.9	26.2
194	85	Lookers	192	+9	6.2	4.0	...
212	126	Lucas	209	+4	...	4.2	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
294	224½	Pendragon	294	+1	...	2.7	34.2
195	101½	Perry Gp	194	...	...	4.6	...
190	108	Quicks Group	168	...	...	3.5	21.5
177	96½	Rolls-Royce	163½	+2½	...	3.8	...
238	164	T & N	238	+7	...	5.7	33.9
275	163	Trinity Hldgs	274 †	...	...	2.5	25.6
204	125	Vasly (Reg)	203	...	...	2.7	28.2
266	121	Westland	265 †	...	...	2.1	18.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
213	103	Adscene	213	+3	5.0	2.9	21.8
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	11.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	370	+10	...	3.2	13.8
380	275	Bristol	378 †	...	...	4.0	34.1
£117½	7775	Daily Mail	£116½	...	...	1.6	27.3
£118	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£116½	...	...	1.6	27.3
355	210	Dorling Knd	264	...	...	1.5	23.9
6350	4337½	Elsevier	6087½	+43½	...	1.5	20.9
436	322	EMAP	436	-7	...	2.3	26.7
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1500	-13	...	1.3	36.6
264	157	Harrington K	157	...	4.7	3.7	12.8
420	155½	Haynes Pub	400	-25	...	1.7	22.6
363	334	Hodder H'line	341	...	5.1	1.9	29.0
140	99	Home Counts	125	...	5.2	5.2	...
173	30	Intl Bus Comm	173	...	...	...	25.0
14	6½	Int Cm & Data	12	...	...	...	...
480	240	Independent	468	...	...	2.7	25.3
580	395	Johnstone Press	575	...	6.5	1.4	24.9
395	243	Mcrtal Bulletn	395	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
192	88	Mirror Gp	187½	+1½	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	446	+20	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	274	...	...	0.6	16.9
639	342	Pearson	622	+7	...	2.4	33.8
710	510	Portsmth Sund	710	...	...	1.7	19.6
923	618	Reed Int	865	+10	...	2.5	37.7
209	98	Southnews	200 †	...	2.3	1.5	37.0
193	90	Sterling Pubs	186	...	...	2.1	22.6
510	328	Telegraph	510	+2	...	2.9	21.4
835	715	Thomson Corp	815	+20	30.1	4.6	40.7
438	313	Trinity Intl	437	...	9.0	2.6	26.3
39	21	Unit Group	33	...	...	...	...
685	480½	Utd Nwspprs	656	+4	...	4.1	18.2

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	28½	+1	...	...	22.8
61	33	Arcon Intl	44	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	60	...	...	...	...
83	25	Avtec Pet	63	+1	...	...	...
16	7½	Beverley	7½	...	...	...	74.6
223	145	Br Borneo	220	+8	7.1	4.0	6.7
361½	276	British Gas	337½	+2	14.2	5.3	16.3
378½	225	Br Petroleum	369½	+7½	8.4	2.9	28.8
2½	1	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...	...
865	675	Burmah Castl	826	-7	...	3.8	19.2
68	32	Cairn Energy	61	+1	...	...	8.7
338	221	Calor Gp	332	+1	...	4.5	18.1
60½	31½	Clyde Pet	48	...	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	29½	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	20½	+1	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	448	+1	...	4.5	24.7
88	26	Exp Co Louis	35	+1	...	...	...
34	18½	Fairhaven Ind	24	...	...	4.5	8.7
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	55½	+1	1.4	3.2	10.8
48	18	Gt Western Res	39	-1	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	162	+3	...	0.8	15.1
47	18½	Kelt Energy	47	+1	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	121	+1½	...	3.4	34.5
103	63	-do- Units	68	...	9.4	17.4	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res	2½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Monument	55½	+½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	...	...	...
50	27	Oil Search	48	+1	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petroz	19	...	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	158	...	...	...	8.1
29½	18	Premier	22	...	...	4.2	...
168	80	Presidio	158	...	...	4.8	...
410	290	Ranger	380	...	...	4.2	15.1
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	7150½	+50½	...	...	...
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3971½	-28½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	719	+9	22.8	4.0	22.1
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	20	...	...	...	...
16	6	Villiers Grp	16	+½	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	196½	+5½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	120	AG Holdings	182 †	...	...	3.6	16.5
439	249	API	439 †	+2	8.2	2.1	∞
273	144	Arjo Wiggins	273	+5	...	3.0	44.1
558	408	Abbott Mead	558	+2	9.5	2.1	20.5
40	13	Aegis Gp	22½	+1	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm	169	...	4.0	3.6	15.3
26	7	BBB Design	26	...	...	...	...
431	223	Bemrose	430	...	...	3.6	10.8
30½	7	Birkdale	9½	...	...	...	...
172	118	Bunzl	172	+6	4.0	2.9	25.9
430	257	CIA Gp	425	-3	4.4	1.3	26.9
230	93	Capital Inds	137	...	...	3.3	13.1
92	44	City of Lon	85 †	...	...	5.7	15.7
332	169	Cropper (Jmes)	321 †	...	3.2	1.3	31.0
95	51	Delyn Group	89	...	1.6	2.3	12.0
120	94	Dolphin Pack	107	+1	4.5	5.1	26.4
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	76	...	...	5.3	17.1
16½	10½	Elswick	15½	...	...	2.5	17.1
86	41	Fairway Group	85	...	3.2	4.8	25.1
373	271	Ferguson Intl	373	...	...	4.2	16.9
137	92	Ferry Pick	137	...	...	5.1	37.0
197	74	Filofax	189	...	...	1.0	24.3
30	10½	Fitch	11½	...	...	...	...
154	89	Gibbon Lyons	141 †	...	5.2	4.6	15.9
295	205	Gold Greenless	263½	-17½	8.4	4.1	23.5
41	17	Goodhead	33 †	...	0.0	0.3	∞
88	19	Hunterprint	25	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	161	...	...	6.1	11.8
288	191	Jarvis Porter	288 †	...	...	2.1	20.9
32	15½	Lopex	27	+1	...	...	...
38½	26	MMT	33½	...	...	...	...
395	175	Moro O'Ferrall	395	+11	13.2	4.2	47.3
133	48	NMC Group	130 †	...	2.7	2.6	30.1
265	60	Osborne & Little	265 †	+12	...	2.4	29.1
540	455	Portals	539	...	...	3.4	16.6
3½	½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
302	159	Quarto	301	...	...	2.4	19.5
350	230	St Ives Gp	350	+2	...	2.0	23.1
186	133	Saatchi	148	-1	...	...	...
502	292	Sappi	470½	+1½	...	7.0	8.9
26	8½	Seriff	26	...	...	...	...
33½	14	Shandwick	29½	+2	...	...	...
473	294	Smith David	473	+7	...	2.7	21.6
330	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	330	-2	...	1.6	7.9
103	45	Somic	103 †	...	2.5	3.0	42.2
246	183	Stan-Plas	222	+2	8.4	4.8	19.8
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.6	21.4
135	38	VTB	135	+4	...	3.5	20.3
107	40	WPP	107	+3	...	1.2	4.0
221	62	Wace	221	...	...	0.6	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	258	+1	...	3.9	19.3
438	270	Watmough	438	...	...	1.7	34.3
7	3	Westport	4½	+½	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mck	39	...	...	...	...
102	55	Wyndeham	102 †	+2	...	1.8	21.9

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
123	41	Allied Lon	122	+1	...	3.6	31.6
47	35	Arcadian	40	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	7½	+½	...	...	...
140	52	Asda	140	+1	...	1.9	14.7
155	88	Avonside	155	+3	4.1	3.3	21.7
2637½	2062½	BCE	2346½	-6½	...	...	...
776	398	Bilton	716	+6	18.9	3.3	25.9
90	17	Bourne End	90 †	+3	...	1.4	...
273	150	Bradford	269	+5	5.9	2.7	27.3
23	5	Bredero	16½	...	...	...	...
449	166½	Br Land	418 †	+13	...	2.1	38.1
250	140½	Brixton	244	+4	...	4.3	19.3
109	43	Burford	106	+2	...	1.5	...
204	99	Cap & Regnl	204	...	1.3	0.8	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
598	196	Chesterfield	584	...	11.5	2.5	41.8
43	12	City Site Ests	37	...	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	29	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
53	34	Conrad Rtist GS	44	...	...	...	...
1493	816	Daejan	1493	+8	...	2.3	18.4
65	5	Dares Estates	7½	...	...	...	...
143	53	Debenham Twsn	141	-1	...	3.0	27.2
17	4	De Morgan	16	...	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	180	...	3.0	2.1	...
686	363	Derwent Hldgs	684	...	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	35	-½	...	...	...
56	24	Dwyer	54	...	...	...	...
406	170	Estates Agency	406	+36	...	2.3	48.2
27	7½	Estates Gen	23	...	...	...	...
121	66	Evans Of Leeds	119 ‡	...	...	3.5	21.0
36½	11	Five Oaks	36½	...	...	...	...
67	30	Fletcher King	66	...	1.0	1.9	43.4
515	276½	Frogmore	504	+1	...	4.0	24.3
255	97	Grainger	255	+2	5.2	2.6	∞
238	116½	Gt Portland	229	+3	...	4.4	21.9
20	3½	Greycoat	18½	...	...	...	...
269	101	HK Land	221½	+9½	...	2.9	29.2
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	86	...	0.5	0.7	...
422	233	Hammerson	380	+1	10.0	3.3	38.4
329	127	Helical Bar	329	+5	...	1.9	11.8
39	19	Hemingway	38½	+1½	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	745	+5	23.1	3.9	22.2
114	71	Lon Merch Sec	110 †	+2	4.0	4.5	17.1
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	511 †	+14	...	4.9	36.0
11½	5	McInerney A	11½	...	...	...	...
173	90	McKay Secs	173	+3	3.5	2.5	13.7
7½	2½	Markheath	2½	...	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	76	...	...	...	...
55	29	Moorfield Est	54	...	...	...	...
1368½	775	Mountview	1281½	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
181	112	Muckiow (A&J)	181	...	...	4.2	28.2
53	30	Olives Prop	50	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
180	88	PSIT	179	...	4.3	3.1	35.5
369	138	Peel	369	+3	4.0	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	9½	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	43	...	...	...	12.3
63	35	Raglan	41	...	...	...	...
39½	11	Regalian	39½	+5	...	...	...
140	110	Rowlinson Secs	140 †	...	1.5	1.3	17.5
51	16	St Modwen Prp	51	...	0.9	2.2	38.9
75	39	Saville Grdn (J)	67	-1	...	5.1	32.9
100	39	Savills	96½	...	...	2.3	37.9
112	37½	Scot Met	103	...	...	1.8	...
127	39	Shaftesbury	127	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	13½	...	...	...	7.1
280	139½	Slough Estates	278	+14	...	3.6	19.4
101	56	Southend Prop	94 †	+1	...	3.2	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	25	...	...	...	...
231	114	Tops Ests	230	...	2.1	1.2	...
141	79	Town Centre	140	...	...	3.0	25.1
98	43	Trafford Park	98	...	...	1.6	22.6
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
314	180	Warner	312	...	10.4	4.2	28.5
295	168	Warnford	235	...	7.5	4.0	17.0
8	2	Waterglade	5	+½	...	...	...
96	34	Wates	90	...	...	...	...
98	40	Wood John D	93	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32	11	Automagic	32	...	...	...	...
210	84	Headlam	203	...	...	1.8	45.8
500	285	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	44	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22½	...	1.0	5.6	6.3
248	89	Stylo	244	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	57	...	...	5.7	1.9

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
529	408	Allied Text	529	...	12.7	3.0	17.0
69	54	Beckman (A)	62	+1	...	7.2	13.5
41	21	Bolton Gp	27	...	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	217	...	8.5	4.9	20.1
53	15	Charnwell	41	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	339	+1	7.5	2.8	21.2
601	449	Courtauld Text	519	-5	13.9	3.3	14.2
53½	24	Cupid	30	+4½	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	148 †	-1	...	6.4	11.3
47	22	Drummond	36	...	...	...	...
89	65	Faupel	78 †	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	27	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	114	...	4.2	4.7	...
349	156	Hicking Pntcst	244	...	...	2.2	17.3
90	45	Jerome (S)	67	...	...	0.4	...
422	240	Lamont	417	+3	12.0	3.6	22.6
515	353½	Leeds	505 †	-1	...	2.1	17.7
64	15	Lister	53	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	99	...	...	4.2	...
215	89	Magellan	161	...	1.4	1.1	...
225	77½	Parkland	225	+2	...	0.9	...
102½	82	Readicut	99½	...	...	4.3	18.7
66	35	SEET	59	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	133	...	...	5.0	9.2
72	44	Stirling Gp	80 †	...	1.9	4.0	16.6
51	35	Stoddard	43	...	...	4.4	40.0
312	250	Tomkinsons	280 †	+5	11.5	5.0	∞
59	30½	West Trust	40	...	...	8.4	...
257	126	Yorkyde	257	+1	...	2.6	16.8

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	526½	+6½	...	4.6	15.8
495	315½	Rothmans	467	-1	...	3.4	14.7

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
580	349	Assoc Br Ports	566	-11	...	1.9	...
1072	707	BAA	1045 †	+4	...	2.0	25.9
123	106	Badgerline	122	+1	...	4.2	14.4
486	249	Br Airways	486 †	+4	...	2.8	21.8
113	56	Clarkson (H)	99	...	1.7	2.2	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	610	-5	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	73	...	0.5	0.9	19.6
281	147	Iom Steam	281	+5	...	3.7	14.7
46	24	Jacobs (JI)	46	...	0.5	1.4	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frt	104	...	...	1.5	19.0
475	264	Mersey Docks	463	-3	...	2.4	31.5
271	181	Natl Express	255	...	...	3.5	26.4
272	218	NFC	269	+2	...	3.3	20.6
343	244	Ocean Group	320	+7	...	...	...
82	40	Ocean Wilson	82	...	...	5.6	...
676	504	P & O Dfd	670	+4	4.0	6.1	14.9
194	127	P & O 5 Ln%	158	+7	...	6.1	34.2
665	448	Powell Duffryn	665	+2	...	4.4	...
235	117	Seacon	231	+7	...	4.2	21.1
176	112	Stagecoach	175 †	-2	5.4	2.9	14.5
102½	31½	TNT	102½	+1½	...	2.7	21.3
859	624	Tibbet & Britn	850	+5	12.6	1.9	32.6
382	37	Tiphook	67	-2	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	294	+6	...	4.0	9.7
111	98	Ugland	98	...	...	...	...

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
640	455	Anglian Water	565 †	-1	...	4.8	11.3
350	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	350 †	...	...	3.8	12.9
761	547	Northumbrian	716 †	-5	...	4.0	8.4
606	431½	North West	574 †	+4	...	4.8	9.5
632	439	Severn Trent	598 †	-3	...	4.5	9.2
665	454	Sthrn Water	625 †	-5	...	4.4	10.0
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1550	...	48.5	3.9	11.1
657	465	South West	636 †	-1	...	1.8	10.3
598	454	Thames Water	584 †	+5	...	4.6	11.4
735	506	Welsh Water	690 †	-6	...	4.4	7.0
745	536	Wessex Water	697 †	+1	...	4.0	11.1
630	473½	Yorkshire W	594 †	+2	...	4.6	9.4

Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100 †	...	8.48	...
109	101	Treas 14½% 1994	101	-	14.34	3.37
110	101	Exch 13½% 1994	102	-	13.21	5.09
105	101	Treas 10% 1994	101	...	9.81	5.10
110	104	Exch 12½% 1994	104	-	11.98	4.92
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	-	8.72	5.07
111	106	Treas 12% 1995	106 †	-	11.27	5.08
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.78
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	-	9.55	5.19
116	112	Treas 12¾% 1995	112	-	11.29	5.29
120	116	Treas 14% 1996	116	-	12.03	5.35
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-	12.60	5.44
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	-	11.33	5.47
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	-	8.97	5.58
122	119	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	-	10.98	5.69
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	-	9.26	5.69
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	-	7.92	5.74
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	-	11.49	5.87
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	113	-	8.57	5.87
106	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	105	-	6.88	5.80
106	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105	-	6.88	5.81
102	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.63	5.34
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	130	-	10.77	6.07
140	133	Treas 15½% 1998	138	-	11.16	5.91
126	115	Exch 12% 1998	124	-	9.64	6.09
116	108	Treas 9½% 1999	115	-	8.26	5.98

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	95	Treas 6% 1999	100	-	5.96	5.88
128	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	126	-	9.66	6.15
121	112	Treas 10½% 1999	120	-	8.73	6.06
121	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	120	-	8.54	6.13
116	106	Conv 9% 2000	114	-	7.85	6.12
136	125	Treas 13% 2000	134	-	9.64	6.36
106	97	Treas 7% 2001	104	-	6.69	6.33
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	120	-	8.31	6.39
125	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	121	-	8.05	6.49
113	97	Treas 8% 2003	111	-	7.17	6.36
127	109	Treas 10% 2003	124	-	8.01	6.50
129	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	127	-	9.00	6.71
86	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	84	-	4.15	5.48
105	97	Treas 6¾% 2004	103	-	6.41	6.34
125	105	Conv 9½% 2004	122	-	7.74	6.52
125	105	Conv 9½% 2005	123	-	7.71	6.55
143	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	141	-	8.86	6.73
111	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	109	-	7.29	6.52
112	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	110	-	7.04	6.57
136	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	133 †	-	8.79	6.71
119	97	Treas 8½% 2007	116 †	-	7.29	6.62
151	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	149	-	9.05	6.75
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	121	-	7.39	6.65

LONGS (over 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	92	Treas 8% 2009	113	-	7.08	6.67
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	123	-	7.28	6.69
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	124 †	-	7.23	6.68
94	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	91	-	6.02	6.32
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	112 †	-	6.90	6.59
117	93	Treas 8% 2013	114	-	6.98	6.65
159	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	155	-	7.30	6.83
128	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	125	-	6.99	6.62

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High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	38	War Ln 3½%	52	-	6.65	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	36	...	6.87	...

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136	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	136	...	...	...
204	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	+	1.24	2.14
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	+	1.44	2.07
176	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174	+	2.27	2.62
173	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171	...	2.49	2.77
118	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116	...	2.52	2.79
184	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	182 †	...	2.59	2.80
168	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165	+	2.78	2.96
175	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	172	+	2.84	3.01
146	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	142	+	2.88	3.03
157	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	153 †	+	2.93	3.08
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	148	+	2.97	3.10
129	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	125 †	+	2.97	3.08
128	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	125 †	+	2.98	3.10

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Confident Clark braves daunting course

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MADEIRA

HIS first view of the runway suggested to Howard Clark that he should not have come to the Madeira Island Open. Then he saw the golf course and realised that the runway had been one of the few flat pieces of land on the island. Not my sort of place, he thought, a scary start to the season, so, of course, he led the tournament after 36 holes of nearly immaculate golf.

As soon as it was light yesterday, the Yorkshireman played four holes to complete a first round of 68. He followed with a 67 that featured five birdies and so few mistakes that Willie Aitchison, caddying for Brian Marchbank, Clark's playing partner, reckoned the 39-year-old was unbeatable this week.

His total of 135, nine under par, placed him ahead of Paul Broadhurst, from Warwickshire, who was eight under par with one hole to go when low cloud disrupted play for the second day. Jeremy Robinson, a former Walker Cup player and Brabazon Trophy winner, was seven under after a round of 66, alongside Mats Lanner, who had two holes to play.

Broadhurst is a bit of a birdie blitz specialist — he won the European Pro-Celebrity title at Hoylake in 1991 with nine birdies in ten holes — and yesterday he had seven in the ten holes from the 12th, his third hole. He added another at the seventh, his 16th, but, in the gloom, dropped a shot at the 8th, where Paul Lawrie, his playing partner, had a near-blind hole in one.

It is surprising to realise that Clark has not won a tournament since 1988. He won 11 times before that and perhaps his prime has only been postponed. A desire for better legs and a bad elbow produced his slump. To obtain the former, he went to David Leadbetter and ended up losing his rhythm. To cure the latter, he had an operation in November 1992 and ended up putting cack-handed because he lost the feeling in some of his fingers.

For the past three years, Clark has been coached by Gavin Christie and he had an encouraging practice session with him a week ago: "It gave me a lot of confidence." Clark said, "and this week my iron-play has been as good as it's ever been."

So far, his putting has also been good enough and he understands why Mark James, who won here last year, said that two-putting every green should be regarded as a result: "They're unputtable in places," Clark said, but, with James in hibernation, he has negotiated the use of John Graham, the absent champion's caddie.

Graham, according to Clark, assesses things very well and he knows the Yorkshireman of old, having caddied for him as far back as the Muirfield Open of 1980. Clark has a history of what could most politely be called volatility, but the early 1994 version seems to be pleasantly mellow. He is still ambitious — he would like to play in the next Ryder Cup — but he is mellower than many people have seen him. "Composed" was the word one of his peers used and, if he maintains his resolution to be philosophical and "take something positive out of what I'm doing", we could witness Clark's roaring Forties.

☐ Laura Davies, of Great Britain, shot a second round of 70 yesterday to take the lead by one stroke from Carin Hjalmarrson, of Sweden, after two rounds of the Thailand Open in Bangkok.

SCORES

LEADING TWO-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 135: H Clark 68, 67. 137: J Robinson 71, 66. 138: P Hedblom (Swe) 69, 69; G Hjerstedt (Swe) 71, 67. 139: D Borrego (Sp) 69, 70; K Waters 71, 68. 140: T Price (Aus) 70, 70; M-A Martin (Sp) 71, 69; S Struver (Ger) 70, 70; P Mayo 70, 70. 141: C Mason 71, 70; A Sherborne 72, 69; D Williams 73, 68; D Mijovic (Can) 68, 73; S Van Vuuren (SA) 70, 71. 142: J Hall 70, 72; P Way 70, 72; S Richardson 71, 71; M Gates 74, 68; P Linhart (Sp) 74, 68; D Curry 71, 71. ☐ Play called off with 34 players still to complete second round.

Dare poised to take honours in clash of champions

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

ON THE first day of the new point-to-point season, both the reigning women's champion, Polly Curling, and former champion, Alison Dare, meet at Larkhill today in the ladies' open at the Army fixture. Curling, who in winning the title last season rode 25 winners, will be on the Richard Barber-trained Rural Outfit. Although he won on his only outing last term, at Stafford Cross, I will be surprised if he is able to cope with the Dare-ridden Scally's Daughter, who won first time out last year, beating Bronico at Erw Lon, and later landed four ladies' events.

The Barber stable looks to have a better chance in the maiden where Lewesdon Hill can get Peter King off the mark.

King will then team up with Mr Diplomatic in what promises to be a thrilling Land Rover qualifier. Mr Diplomatic won on this course first time out in 1993 and followed up at Williton. Three weeks later, Justin Farthing pulled him up lame at Kingweston with a recurrence of a leg problem. Barber has got him to the course again but he will meet tough opposition in the former leading Irish hunter chaser, Over The Edge, and the 1991 Leopardstown Hennessy winner, Nick The Brief.

With a high safety factor of 27 at Larkhill, this race is unlikely to be split and only five events will be contested.

The gallant 15-year-old, Fort Hall, is in the Easton Harriers confined race at Higham and may be difficult to beat despite the presence of Mend and Walker's Hill. Also entered here is Sound Of Jura, now with Joe Turner.

A promising new recruit for Alexandra Embiricos is the former novice chase winner, Raglan Road. He will be taking on Back In Business, Queen's Chaplain and the Lisa Rowe-ridden Richard Hunt in the ladies' open.

The best bet at this meeting could be Mister Main Man in the maiden.

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Army, Larkhill 3m north west of Amesbury (first race 11.30); Easton Harriers, Higham, 7m NE of Colchester (noon).

Edinburgh

Going: good (good to soft patches on hurdles course, good to firm in places on chase course)

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, Legion Of Honour (T Jenks, 15-2); 2, Cool Luke (Evans fav); 3, Montsave (10-1). 13 ran. 8l, 3/4. M Naughton. Tote: £13.10; £2.60, £1.20, £2.80. DF: £9.40. CSF: £15.68.

1.15 (3m ch) 1, Lady Blakeney (R Dunwoody, 11-1); 2, Travel Bound (13-2); 3, Ebro (10-1). Cagibi Punishment 3-1 fav. 10 ran. SHd, 4l. B Retholl. Tote: £12.80; £3.20, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £21.40. CSF: £70.61.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, Legitim (P Williams, 5-1 fav); 2, Fortune's Girl (8-1); 3, Jomove (20-1). Eight 5-1 fav. 15 ran. 3½l, 10l. J Jefferson. Tote: £4.00; £2.60, £4.50, £6.80. DF: £33.10. Trio: £336.80. CSF: £44.01. Tricast: £691.35.

2.15 (3m 4f ch) 1, Bishopdale (A Dobbin, 50-1); 2, Lapstile (14-1); 3, One For The Pot (5-2 fav). 11 ran. 2l, 16l. S Chadwick. Tote: £142.50; £22.00, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £381.50 Trio: £449.80. CSF: £532.55. Tricast: £2,176.85.

2.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Firm Price (G Lee, 8-11 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Valiant Dash (5-1); 3, A Gentleman Two (14-1). 13 ran. 5l, hd. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.00, £2.60. DF: £4.80. CSF: £5.25.

3.15 (3m hdle) 1, If You Say So (A Mulholland, 10-1); 2, Shaftic (7-2 fav); 3, The Green Fool (8-1). 15 ran. 7l, 19l. J Eyre. Tote: £14.80; £2.80, £2.10, £3.70. DF: £31.70. Trio: £87.90. CSF: £45.51. Tricast: £284.86.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, Ballon (T Reed, 13-2); 2, Princess Maxine (7-2); 3, High Mind (7-2). Thelerca 5-2 fav. 12 ran. 7l, 10l. M Dods. Tote: £8.50; £1.30, £2.80, £1.50. DF: £15.40. CSF: £30.07. Placepot: £349.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

12.30 (1m) 1, Chelmsmans Choice (L Dettori, 8-1); 2, Hewsaymyston (100-30 fav); 3, Distant Spring (25-1). 13 ran. 6l, 2l. A Jarvis. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £1.70, £5.40. DF: £28.60. CSF: £33.82.

1.00 (7f) 1, Anniversaire (Miss D J Jones, 16-1); 2, Pusey Street Boy (3-1 fav); 3, Strellmer (12-1); 4, Utah Dansk (33-1). 16 ran. 2l, nk. Bob Jones. Tote: £17.80; £2.80, £1.70, £2.90, £9.30. DF: £91.30. Trio: not won. CSF: £66.28. Tricast: £589.23.

1.30 (7f) 1, No Submission (L Dettori, 3-1 jt fav); 2, Red (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Express Service (6-1). 11 ran. 4l, ¾l. D Chapman. Tote: £3.30, £1.10; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £8.90. CSF: £12.73.

2.00 (1m) 1, Queens Consul (Alex Greaves, 3-1 fav); 2, Pacific Power (4-1); 3, Swinging Tich (7-2). 12 ran. 3½l, 1l. B Richmond. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £11.80. CSF: £18.06.

2.30 (6f) 1, King Rat (J Weaver, Evens fav); 2, Mr Bergerac (5-2); 3, Rapier Point (11-2). 7 ran. 6l, 1l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.80; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.83.

3.00 (1m 3f) 1, Hillash (H Beetham, 7-2); 2, El Nido (3-1 fav); 3, Royal Citizen (9-2). 10 ran. Nk, 2½l. R Beetham. Tote: £4.40; £2.50, £2.00. £1.90. DF: £9.80. Trio: £14.10. CSF: £14.62. Tricast: £45.31 After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.30 (1m 6f) 1, White Willow (T Quinn, 8-1); 2, Arctic Ghost (14-1); 3, Abeskom's Peter (6-1). Mingayle 7-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Qualitair Aviator. 7l, 4l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £7.50; £2.50, £4.40, £2.20. DF: £35.10 Trio: £70.20. CSF: £35.67. Tricast: £836.94.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £35,865.68 carried forward to Lingfield today).

Placepot: £7.90.

THE TIMES

SNOW SERVICE

Kitzbühel downhill offers glory in two harrowing minutes

FROM GRAHAM DUFFILL IN KITZBÜHEL, AUSTRIA

THE Kitzbühel downhill is the greatest test of man on skis and the World Cup race here today promises to be dramatic. It is two years since the skiers had to face the full challenge of two minutes over the Hahnenkamm — the steepest, bumpiest, iciest course in the world.

Since it was run in 1992, new skiers have gained prominence and there are the most promising British prospects for years with the Bell brothers, Graham and Martin, producing practice times among the top ten.

Yesterday, heavy snow fell on the top of the course and rain lashed the bottom section. The forecast for today is for the weather to clear, which should allow the race to be held over its full length. From the starting hut at the top of the Hahnenkamm, the Streif, as the course is known, falls away so precipitously that, from the moment the skiers push out, they have to use all of their ability to hang on. Many have crashed on a course that would not be allowed by safety officials if it were proposed today.

Standing in the starting gate of the Hahnenkamm race, which is 54 years old, makes your stomach leap. The impossibly steep slope is normally covered in huge, icy moguls (humps). These are flattened into large concrete-hard bumps for the race, but it is so steep the skiers accelerate swiftly to 60mph.

Below is the Mausefalle, effectively a cliff over which the skiers try to fly as short a distance as possible, usually by "pre-jumping". To pre-jump, they stand up a few metres before the lip and pull their knees up into their chest. The speed is sufficient to get the skier airborne, dropping him 50 metres later onto the slope. Skiers who do not successfully pre-jump are catapulted a huge distance off the lip.

Once the racer lands, the second shock is at the bottom of the Mausefalle, where, at 80mph, the course flattens. Many racers fall here: in 1991, Atle Skaardal, the favourite from Norway, crashed when his skis split on this section.

The Stielhang, which follows, is one of the most carefully-prepared parts of the course, an S-bend with an alarming camber on the second turn. It will have been trampled hard by soldiers and then watered to make it a solid surface.

Razor-sharp skis, years of training, the ability to angle the leg to the degree when the plastic boot is "outriggering" on the ice, is the only way the racers negotiate it.

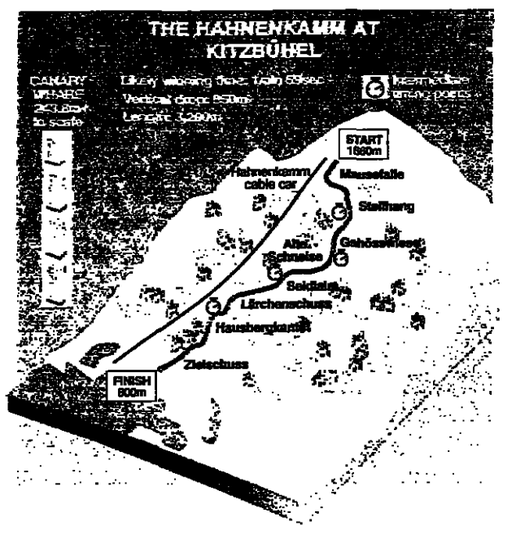
As the racer exits the Stielhang, he will breathe a sigh of relief as he rides the bumpy Alte Schneise and then the Seidlalm.

A new jump has been built into this section to make it more spectacular for the supporters and it was here that Franz Heinzer, the Swiss No. 1, fell on Wednesday during practice, crashing into the fence and suffering concussion and cuts.

The real roller-coaster ride begins at the Hausbergkante. After a tight S-bend, a 20-metre jump should leave the skier with the right line on to the steep traverse. Go too low here and the racer loses momentum. At 85mph, the ride down the Zielschuss is not only the fastest part of the course but also the bumpiest.

The compression at the bottom is the sting in the tail as it throws the racer on to the back of his skis before launching him off a ramp built to thrill the crowds in the finish area.

☐ The women's super-giant slalom at Altenmarkt last Saturday, abandoned in mid-race, was declared void by the International Ski Federation.



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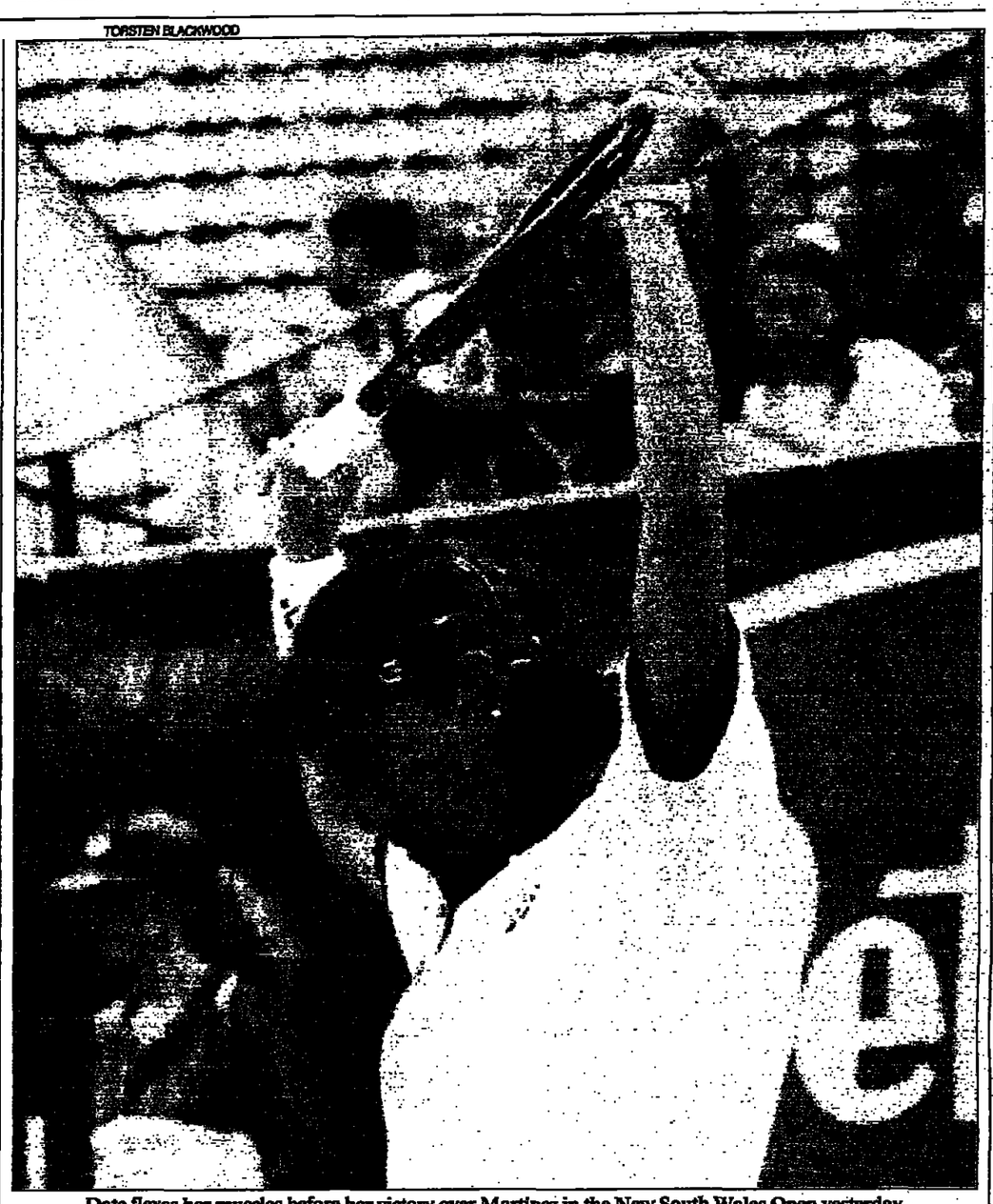
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TORSTEN BLACKWOOD



Date flexes her muscles before her victory over Martinez in the New South Wales Open yesterday

Sampras and Lendl breeze into final

STRONG winds failed to knock Pete Sampras or Ivan Lendl off course as they breezed into the final of the New South Wales Open in Sydney yesterday. Sampras, the world No 1, did his best to ignore the "windiest conditions I've ever had to play through" to earn a 6-3, 6-3 victory over the previously in-form Petr Korda and reach his second successive final in Sydney.

Sampras lost to world No 11, Korda, of the Czech Republic, in five dramatic sets at the Grand Slam Cup in Munich last month, but a repeat was never in prospect just three days before the start of the Australian Open. Lendl, 33, who was world No 1 for 157 weeks from 1985-88, showed typical determination in the other semi-final to beat Todd Martin, the No 6 seed from the United States, 6-4, 6-2 and secure his first final appearance in five visits to the tournament.

Conchita Martinez, the No 1 women's seed, proved less able to handle the blustery conditions as she was beaten 6-3, 6-0 by Kimiko Date, of Japan, admitting: "I played like a beginner."

Date's win over Martinez was encouraging for Gabriela Sabatini, the No 2 seed, who had earlier moved a step closer to her first singles title in 20 months. Sabatini, the world No 5, took 69 minutes to dispose of Barbara Rittner, of Germany, 6-1, 6-3, an almost exact repeat of the quarter-final last year between the pair which Sabatini also won.

Sabatini's opponent in the semi-finals tomorrow will be Mary Joe Fernandez, of the United States, the No 3 seed, who trounced her compatriot, Zina Garrison-Jackson, 7-5, 6-2. Date plays Patty Fendick, a 6-3, 6-1 winner over Linda Ferrando, from Italy, in the other semi-final.

Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, aggravated an elbow injury in a 6-4, 6-2 defeat by Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, in the semi-finals of an exhibition tournament in Adelaide, but said he hoped to be fit for the Australian Open. "I hope I'm going to be ready," Ivanisevic said. "The service is the most important part of my game and when I can't serve properly I tend to lose confidence."

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STRANRAER: Triangular international: Scotland 7 Ireland 0; Wales 5 Ireland 2. Final placings: 1, Scotland; 2, Wales; 3, Ireland.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland 104 New Jersey 93; Detroit 80 New York 94; Washington 120 Houston 102; Milwaukee 83 Utah 101; San Antonio 107 Phoenix 88; Sacramento 115 Charlotte 104. BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby Bucks 80 Manchester Giants 95.
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CRICKET

PERTH, Australia: World Series Cup: South Africa bt New Zealand by five wickets.

NEW ZEALAND

B A Young c Richardson b de Villiers	2
A H Jones lbw b Donald	0
*K R Rutherford b McMillan	25
M J Greatbatch c Richardson b Matthews b 16	
S Thompson c Richardson b McMillan	0
C L Cairns c Richardson b Callaghan	29
C Harris not out	29
†T E Blain run out	32
G Larsen c Matthews b McMillan	2
C Pringle b Donald	1
R de Groen c Cullinan b Donald	0
Extras (lb 7, w 6, nb 1)	14
Total (44.2 overs)	150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-3, 3-45, 4-46, 5-58, 6-84, 7-193, 8-145, 9-148.
BOWLING: Donald 8.2-3-15-3; de Villiers 8-0-15-1, Matthews 10-1-46-1; McMillan 10-2-33-3, Cronje 3-0-13-0; Callaghan 5-1-15-1.

SOUTH AFRICA

P Kirsten run out	50
G Kirsten c Blain b Pringle	31
*W J Cronje c sub (Latham) b Thomson	40
J N Rhodes c de Groen b Pringle	3
D J Cullinan not out	5
D J Callaghan c Rutherford b Pringle	2
B M McMillan not out	1
Extras (lb 10, w 8, nb 1)	19
Total (5 wkts, 30.3 overs)	151

†D J Richardson, C R Matthews, A A Donald, P S de Villiers did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-117, 3-139, 4-141, 5-149.
BOWLING: Pringle 8.3-0-24-3; de Groen 5-0-30-0; Cairns 7-0-32-0; Larsen 8-0-36-0; Thomson 2-0-19-1.

World Series standings

	P	W	L	Nr	Pts
Australia	6	4	2	0	8
New Zealand	7	3	3	1	7
South Africa	7	2	4	1	5

Remaining matches: Tomorrow: Australia v South Africa (Perth) Tuesday: Australia v New Zealand (day-night match, Melbourne)
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 347 (M Hayden 126, J Maher 70, M Love 53; M Hughes 5 for 70); Victoria 272 (G Allanbee 86).
GALLE, Sri Lanka: Second Test: Sri Lanka Under-19 182; England Under-19 19-2.

CYCLING

BREMEN: Germany: Bremen six-day race: Standings (after first day): 1, D Clark (Aus) and A Kappes (Ger) 88pts; 2, B Risi and K Betschart (Swit) 67; 3, A Biehl and P Bincoletto (It) 45; 4, U Freuler (Switz) and C Wolf (Ger) 45; 5, J Veggerby (Den) and E de Wilde (Bel) 40; 6, P Peters (Ger) and W Stutz (Switz) 25. One lap behind: 7, K Chrabzov (Russ) and A Doyle (GB) 35.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Thursday
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Shelf Wed 0 Wolverhampton 1, Liverpool 1 Derby 3; Sunderland 1 Leicester 0. Second division: Stoke 2 Burnley 0; Middlesbrough 0 Port Vale 0. Postponed: West Brom v Oldham.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Postponed: Llanelli v Afan Lido
FA YOUTH CUP: Southend 0 Stoke 4.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS BRITISH GAS TROPHY: Fifth round: Cannock 0, Bradford 2.
SPANISH CUP: Third round, second leg: Atletico Madrid 2 Real Madrid 3 (agg 4-5)

GOLF

HONOLULU: Hawaiian Open: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 63: R Freeman. 66: C Parry (Aus), B Ogle (Aus), 67: D Barr (Can), S Murphy, S Jurgensen, M Hensby, H Irwin, P Goydos, T Gamer British: 71: D Feherty, 72: D A Russell.
JOHANNESBURG: South African PGA: Leading second-round scores (South Africa unless stated): 131: D Frost 64, 67. 132: N Price (Zim) 66, 66. S Liddle 67, 65. 133: W Westner 65, 68, A Roestoff 64, 69. 134: C Williams 67, 67, R Wessels 67, 67. 135: R Goosen 66, 69: E Els 68, 67.
BANGKOK: Thailand Women's Open: Leading second-round scores: 140: L Dawes (GB) 70, 70. 142: C Hjalmarson (Swe) 72, 70. 143: M Lunn (Aus) 71, 72, K Lasken (US) 73, 70. 144: S Waugh (Aus) 71, 73. Other British: 146: L Fairgrough 74, 72. 147: S Prosser 76, 71; K Dawes 72, 75

HOCKEY

KIDDERMINSTER: Five nations' tournament: England 11 United States 5; Scotland 8 Australia 6; Denmark 6 England 5; Scotland 10 United States 8; Denmark 10 Australia 4.
AMRITSAR, India: Indira Gandhi Gold Cup women's tournament: Uzbekistan 0 Kazakhstan 0; South Korea 1 India 0. Final standings: 1, South Korea 6pts; 2, India 5; 3, Italy 3; 4, Uzbekistan 3; 5, Kazakhstan 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia 6 Boston 2; Pittsburgh 2 Florida 2 (OT); Toronto 4 Dallas 3 (OT); Chicago 1 Tampa Bay 0; St Louc 6 Edmonton 4.

MOTOR RALLYING

PARIS-DAKAR RALLY: Sixteenth stage (from Mohti, Morocco to Tastour, France with 75km special from Mohti to Almeda): Cars: 1, P Lartigue (Fr), Citroen 75km in 45min 34sec; 2, H Aunol (Fr), Citroen at 2min 23sec; 3, J Rivera (Fr) 3:15, 4, R Dalmau (Sp) Mercedes 4:44, 5, M Traglio (It) Nissan 5:49. Overall: 1, Lartigue 49hr 41min 32sec. 2, Aunol at 1hr 30min 21sec; 3, P Wendenguse (Fr), Buggy 12:14, 4, H Masuoka (Japan), Mitsubishi 14:21,18, 5, F Germanelli (It) Nissan 16.55:58 Motorcycles: 1, J Arcarons (Sp), Cagiva 48min 50sec; 2, E Onoli (It), Cagiva at 1:42; 3, A Cavendoli (It), KTM 3:39; 4, F Meoni (It), Honda 5:13; 5, A Boluda (Sp), Honda 5:20. Overall: 1, Onoli 49hr 08min 07sec, 2, Arcarons at 1:15; 3, Meoni 5:17:13; 4, Cavendoli 5:22:11; 5, P Sinyitol (Fr), Cagiva 8:28:43.

RIFLE SHOOTING

PERTH, Australia: Commonwealth team championships: 1, Great Britain 1941.167 (event record). Individual: 1, J Messer (GB) 199.23. Other British scores: A Tucker 197.18, A Chown 196.19, G Barnett 198.15, A Reiger 195.18, A Luckman 193.20, P Kent 193.13, A Lothian 192.16, D Calvert 191.16, J Carmichael 189.10

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Wales Under-21 36 (Thies: S John, L Davies, A Wainwright, J Reynolds, J Thomas, penalty try. Conversions: C John, 3) Scotland Under-21 0 (at Ely, Cardiff), Wales Universities 6v Scotland Universities 16 (at Llanrumney).
CLUB MATCH: Kircaldy & Harrot's FP 0 Postponed: West of Scotland v Glasgow Academicals.

SKIING

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy: Women's World Cup downhill: 1, K Seizinger (Ger) 1min 25.22sec; 2, V Stallmaier-Wallinger (Austria) 1:26.09; 3, K Pace (Can) 1:26.23; 4, H Lindh (US) 1:26.35; 5, W Zelenskaja (Russ) 1:26.37. Standings: 1, Seizinger 212pts; 2, Pace 210; 3, Stallmaier-Wallinger 157; 4, Haas 153; 5, Zelenskaja 125. Overall: 1, P Wiberg (Swe) 720pts; 2, V Schneider (Switz) 698, 3, A Wachter (Austria) 694; 4, D Compagnoni (It) 514; 5, Seizinger 423.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: World championship: Fifth qualifying round (England unless stated): J Wesson bt S Bigham (Scot) 10-7; S Duggan bt D Hackason 10-9; N Wallar bt S O'Connor (Ire) 10-8; C Edwards bt J Scott 10-6; D Taylor bt S Reardon 10-8; P Gibson bt D Clarke 10-4; J Grech (Malta) bt M Dziewiatowski (Scot) 10-8; S Lee bt R McDonald (Scot) 10-4; M Williams (Wales) bt G Lucas 10-3; Y Marchant (India) bt K Broughton 10-9, A Davies (Wales) bt M Flowerdew 10-7; N Noppachorn (Thai) bt B West 10-3, E Manning bt A Harris 10-8; A Cairns bt S Suwannasingh (Thai) 10-4; D Dale (Wales) bt C Roscoe (Wales) 10-3; C Kelly bt J O'Boye 10-8; B L'Orange (Nor) w.o. N Dyson (Eng) scr; B Jones bt I Brumby 10-8; W King (Aus) bt I Williamson 10-5; T Rempello bt J Wattaker 10-8; S Payne bt M Macleod (Scot) 10-8; D Gilbert bt P Medati 10-7; P Gilchrist bt D Martin 10-3; D King bt M Husnu (Cyp) 10-6, M O'Sullivan bt S All 10-3, P Madsney bt N Fisher 10-1; F O'Brien (Ire) bt A Bolsover 10-2; A Ross bt S Mallish 10-4; A Atkinson bt K Owers 10-4; M King bt P Tanner 10-5; S Storey bt S Maud (Aus) 10-6; M Dunn bt J Smith 10-5, A Bishop bt P Kenny 10-6; G Ponting bt D McDonnell 10-9; S Lanigan bt D Murphy 10-8; B Rowswell bt I Sergeant (Wales) 10-7; M Rowing bt G Greene 10-8; J Cundy bt S Longworth 10-5; G Peters (Wales) bt P Lines 10-8; R Chapmen bt K Payne 10-9.

SQUASH

WELWYN GARDEN CITY: SRA national championships: Men: First round: D Meddings (Surrey) bt A Kirkland (Sussex) 9-2, 4-9, 9-6, 9-1; P Whitlock (Devon) bt M Harris (Sussex) 9-2, 9-2, 9-2; R Graham (Essex) bt P Gregory (Surrey) 6-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-3; P Nicol (Scot) bt N Taylor (Lancs) 9-6, 9-0, 9-1; P Lord (Ches) bt M Puertas (Devon) 10-8, 9-2, 9-1, J Nicolle (Herts) bt M Allen (Essex) 9-7, 9-5, 9-7; M Cairns (Oxon) bt P Hargrave (Derbys) 9-0, 0-9, retired; C Walker (Essex) bt Y Abbes (Durham and Cleveland) 9-5, 9-1, 9-2. Second round: P Marshall (Leics) bt D Webb (Essex) 9-3, 9-3, 9-2; S Meads (Berks) bt P Johnson (Kent) 9-6, 9-6, 10-9; S Perks (Yorks) bt T Garner (Sussex) 9-2, 9-0, 5-9, 9-2; T Hands (Essex) bt J Ransome (Essex) 9-1, 9-1, 9-2.
Womens: First round: R Poole (Staffs) bt P Hoppe (Bede) 9-3, 9-2, 9-5; R O'Callaghan (Ire) bt G Kemson (Sussex) 9-4, 9-3, 9-2; H Macfie (Scot) bt J Gumett (Essex) 9-3, 9-0, 9-7; L Opie (Notts) bt T Malik (Wales) 9-3, 9-4, 9-0; R Macrae (Essex) bt S Langley (Northants) 9-6, 9-3, 7-9, 9-6; F Gaskell (Stourt) bt S Kerr (Sussex) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; D Vandy (Notts) bt S Stone (Avon) 9-1, 9-3, 9-0; S Wright (Kent) bt K Buckley (Essex) 9-0, 9-2, 9-7. Second round: S Horner (Yorks) bt S Macfie (Scot) 9-1, 9-0, 9-2; L Charman (Sussex) bt S Felton (Northants) 9-3, 9-0, 9-4; C Jackson (Norfolk) bt S Spacey (Herts) 9-3, 9-2, 8-3; J Martin (Northumbria) bt P Nicholl (Durham and Cleveland) 9-2, 9-5, 9-2.

TENNIS

SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: Men's singles: Semi-finals: P Sampras (US) bt P Korda (Cz) 6-3, 6-3; I Lendl (US) bt T Martin (US) 6-4, 6-2. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: G Sabatini (Arg) bt B Reiner (Ger) 6-1, 6-3; K Date (Japan) bt C Martinez (Sp) 6-3, 6-0; P Fendick (US) bt L Fernando (It) 6-3, 6-1, M J Fernandez (US) bt Z Garrison-Jackson (US) 7-5, 6-2.
HOBART: Tasmanian Open: Women's singles: Semi-finals: R McQuillan (Aus) bt C Rubin (US) 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; M Endo (Japan) bt K Boogert (Holl) 7-6, 4-2, retired.
AUCKLAND: New Zealand Open: Men's singles: Second round: J Hasek (Swit) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-3, 3-6, 7-5. Quarter-finals: P McEnroe (US) bt M Ondruska (SA) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt B Steven (NZ) 0-6, 6-4, 6-4; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 6-1, 6-2; K Braasch (Ger) bt Hlasek 6-2, 6-4.
ADELAIDE: Rio Challenge six-man exhibition: Group A: J Courier (US) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-4, 6-4. Group B: S Edberg (Swe) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 6-4, 6-2.
JAKARTA: Indonesian Open: Men's singles: Semi-finals: M Chang (US) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 6-3, 6-3; D Rikl (Cz) bt M Rush (Van) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
MELBOURNE: Australian Open: qualifying: Men's singles: Second round: L Burgsmuller (Ger) bt M Petchey (GB) 7-6, 6-3; J Sullivan (US) bt A Foster (GB) 6-3 6-3. Women's singles: First round: M Javer (GB) bt K Buechs-(Austria) 6-2, 6-7, 6-2.
EASTBOURNE: Remington/Daily Express family championships: Finals: Father and son: P Switat and M Switat (Worcs) bt R Bretherton and A Bretherton (Yorks) 6-2, 6-0. Mother and daughter: D Hunter and K Hunter-Wishaw (Surrey) bt J Howden and K Howden (Yorks) 6-3, 6-2.

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Ringmaster comfortable with jungle law

Victor Chandler is a discerning bookmaker who has flourished by accommodating racing's high rollers. Julian Muscat reports

He is deliberately vague about it, but the story goes something like this. Victor Chandler, the bookmaker, accepted a bet of £250,000 on an odds-on favourite at Royal Ascot. It was a colossal sum, yet he could almost afford to watch the race with an air of indifference. Even if the horse won, Chandler knew that his client, over the four-day meeting, would still have failed to clear *his losses. The* horse was beaten.

Three years later, Chandler shakes his head and smiles at the sheer lunacy of his client. "Of course, I never was paid in full," he recalled, "but the arrangement we came to was more than fair. I'm not saying that the man couldn't afford it — I assure you, he is a man of great means — but it was obvious events had got out of *hand.*"

That episode reveals two things about Victor Chandler, who sponsors the Warwick chase of that name today. Firstly, that his reputation as a bookmaker of daring is well founded. Secondly, that his realism, in accepting only partial payment, is almost certainly the reason he has flourished in the hot-house environment of the betting ring. The racecourse is no place for a fool to take his money.

Chandler's chosen hunting ground is a world apart from the high street betting chains, whose profit percentages are guaranteed through vast levels of turnover. Yet he is not impressed by such fixed-odds. "My business comes mostly through credit clients on the racecourse. I do have five off-course betting shops, but if you know anyone who wants to buy them..."

Instead he trades "on the rails", which is along the railings dividing the Members' and Tattersalls' enclosures. High rollers invariably base themselves in the Members' *enclosure from* which bookmakers remain barred.

If that implies the oddsmen are among the more seedy element, the description is wholly unbecoming of Chandler himself, who has assimilated a client list of which even *the most discerning corporate* institution would be proud. "Unfortunately, the City bonuses of the mid-Eighties seem to have gone by the board," he said of the many inhabitants of the Square Mile on his books.

The business is extremely different from the one he unwillingly inherited, aged 21, on the death of his father in 1974. His working day is spent at the races or in offices a stone's throw from the plush Dorset Square in central London. And, as the hundred or so guests who enjoy his hospitality *this* afternoon will testify, he likes to do things the *right* way.

Chandler, the eminence of the betting ring, is a socially-acceptable bookmaker. He portrays an air of quiet authority and is well-spoken enough to be comfortable among lords. Nevertheless, he has *something of the scoundrel* about him, which doubtless appeals to the *many* noblemen of that ilk who themselves enjoy a regular flutter.

He exudes the sort of raffish charm only readily identifiable in the streetwise. No doubt he could tell tales to shame many a dead lord and a few still alive; that he chooses not to means that owners, trainers and stable staff alike trust him implicitly.

By taking their bets, Chandler gleans information way beyond the range of even the best-connected professional gambler. On mornings when he goes racing, his telephone purrs incessantly from 7.00am as he pieces together an overall picture of horses about which he'll be happy to accept bets and those he won't.

"Once I get to the races, I won't change my mind unless *money comes in from* one of a handful of people whose judgment I have *found, to my cost, to be sound,*" he said. "Many trainers bet, but only a few make it pay in the end. For me, the most relevant thing is who's having the bet, rather than what horse they are backing."

A framed picture of Dawn Run winning the 1986 Cheltenham Gold Cup illustrates *Chandler's love of jump racing*, even though the result, financially, was the worst he has suffered in 20 years. At the minor southern meetings, he is often seen relaxing in the bar in the company of owners, leaving his pitch on the rails to be manned by one of the 25 staff he employs.

In fact, it appears Chandler *is having a good time of life.* "Well," he said, "I think sometimes people believe I just turn up at the races, take as much money as I can, keep 50 per cent of it and go home again. It's not quite like that — it's jolly hard work." But then, he would say that, wouldn't he?

JOHN MANNING



Business as usual for Chandler before he sets off to enjoy his sponsored race at Warwick

Chantilly faces closure

CHANTILLY, the home of the Prix du Jockey-Club, faces closure because of economic problems in French racing. *The track, with Maisons-Laffitte, are the two most likely* candidates to be ordered closed. A decision on the *closures, to be be carried out by the end of the year, is to* be provisionally announced next Wednesday. Racing is state-controlled and the GIE Galop, the governing body of French racecourses, has decided that one or two Paris tracks must close as part of an economy drive.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Ramstar suited by trip

WARWICK
C4

1.10: Don Valentino was near top class over hurdles two seasons ago, winning here first time out and then taking the Welsh Champion Hurdle, but may need *this debut over fences.* Don't Tell The Wife has fair chasing form but appears not to relish a battle. Jolly Jaunt is improving and there was much to like about his success at Ludlow last month. However, he appeared to need every *yard of that three miles* and may not appreciate today's *shorter trip.* In contrast, **Ramstar** should relish the step up in distance after winning over two miles on heavy ground at Leicester 12 days ago.

1.40: Billy Bathgate, unproven on such soft ground, was flattered by his Ascot win and is a false favourite. With Egypt Mill *Prince likely to set a bold* pace, this should concern David *Nicholson's* two runners. Adrian Maguire *rides Waterloo Boy,* who put two lacklustre performances behind him when a fine third to Sybillin at Sandown, for which he was been dropped 1lb. But I prefer **Viking Flagship,** who stood no chance behind a well-handicapped Gnome's Tycoon over too long a trip at Newbury last *time. He should be spot on* after two runs.

2.10: Northants is the best handicapped here but appears *to need courses with a* stiff finish. Fox Chapel, a *course and distance* winner, is more than fairly treated but tends to be a law unto himself. Super Malt *should enjoy the* return to a slightly shorter *trip after running well at* Newbury, but I prefer ***Brave Buccaneer.*** The winner of a good novice hurdle at Newbury last year when with David Murray Smith, the six-year-old moved a month ago to Mary Reveley, who regularly improves horses sent from other yards.

2.40: If King's Curate returns from a 21-month absence in the form which saw him get within three lengths of Jodami at Ayr two years ago, the result is a *foregone conclusion.* However, this is only his *fourth* race over fences and his likely short price makes little appeal. Chatam may need the run while Cool Ground has lost the winning habit. All Jeff is well handicapped but would prefer a more galloping track. Although he beat **Moorcroft Boy** at Haydock and is better off at the *weights, David Nicholson's* improving stayer can *gain revenge.*

3.10: Richville is improving and has an excellent chance. Deadly Charm has won only on good or faster ground. Kentish Piper is out of form and Dr Rocket has never won beyond an extended two miles.

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Nap: Brave Buccaneer (2.10 Warwick)
Next best: Ramstar (1.10 Warwick)

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WARWICK

THUNDERER
12.40 Pondering
1.10 Don Valentino
1.40 Viking Flagship
2.10 Linkside
2.40 Moorcroft Boy
3.10 RICHVILLE (nap)
3.40 Miami Splash
4.10 Stray Harmony

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

12.40 RED ROSE FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE
(£5,865: 2m) (11 runners)

1 11142 BURNT IMP 18 (D,F,G,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Moore 11-8 J Callaghan 95
2 54111F MY BALLYBOY 35 (D,G,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 11-6 N Mann 84
3 1 WINTER FOREST 14 (D,S) (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) D Nicholson 11-6 A Maguire 90
4 13 KADASTROF 18 (D,S) (A Paton) R Dickin 11-4 D Meredith 87
5 311152 MR GENEALOGY 5 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs P White) J White 11-4 W McFarland 84
6 11 PONDERING 32 (V,G,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 11-4 R Dunwoody 99
7 05011 SHARED GOLD 14 (D,S) (P Deal) J Bosley 11-4 M Bosley 79
8 P BARNIEMEBOY 44 (D Hanley) P McEntee 11-0 W Elderfield –
9 5F3 DUVEEN 14 (Fat Boys Racing) N Twiston-Davies 11-0 C Llewellyn 87
10 PRIME OF LIFE 84F (Mrs T Mathews) J Eustace 11-0 S McNeill –
11 42132 VELVET HEART 12 (F) (F Carols) Mrs A Knight 10-13 M A Fitzgerald 79

BETTING: 5-2 Pondering, 3-1 Burnt Imp, 4-1 Winter Forest, 7-1 Shared Gold, 8-1 Kadastrof, My Ballyboy, 10-1 Mr Genealogy, 12-1 Duveen, 16-1 others.

1993: BEAUCHAMP GRACE 11-1 R Dunwoody (1-3 fav) D Nicholson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BURNT IMP 8l 2nd of 12 to Mysilv in a grade I novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, heavy) with KADASTROF (4lb better off) 12l 3rd. MY BALLYBOY beat Buglet neck in a 7-runner novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2l, good) on penultimate start. WINTER FOREST beat Marius 6l in a 12-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft) with DUVEEN (6lb better off) 3l 3rd.
PONDERING beat Chief's Song 6l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, soft) last time. SHARED GOLD beat Danger Baby 1l in an 8-runner novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft) latest start.
Selection: KADASTROF (nap)

1.10 WESTMINSTER-MOTOR TAXI INSURANCE NOVICES CHASE (£3,825: 2m 4f 110yd) (16 runners) C4

1 2022-12 CASTLE DIAMOND 161 (F) (Mrs S Kavanagh) H Kavanagh 7-11-8 R Dunwoody 87
2 /5020-1 JOLLY JAUNT 24 (S) (Mrs J Hayward) M Wilkinson 9-11-8 P Ward (7) 81
3 110/455- BALLYKILTY 278 (B,S) (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Bill 9-11-4 D Bridgwater –
4 P5P-0U2 BEAUFAN 15 (B) (D Craddock) B Cambidge 7-11-4 Gary Lyons 78
5 0/23/6P CANAVER 43 (R Hall) J Webber 6-11-4 G McCourt 76
6 350/234 DARK OAK 28 (Mrs M Curtis) J Curtis 8-11-4 L O'Hara 83
7 F10-602 DON'T TELL THE WIFE 14 (S) (H & K Commissions) Mrs D Haine 8-11-4 D Murphy 88
8 /15P1P/ DON VALENTINO 623 (G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-4 G Bradley –
9 JENNY'S GLEN (M Saunders) B Rothwell 7-11-4 R Supple –
10 /3PPP-4 PESMARINE 17 (Mrs A Woodrow) Mrs A Woodrow 11-11-4 J McCarthy (5) 71
11 6-02431 RAMSTAR 12 (S) (U Home Computers) D Nicholson 6-11-4 A Maguire 91
12 0P012F PLAYFUL JULIET 2 (V,G,S) (B Brennan) T Caldwell 6-11-3 Peter Caldwell 99
13 0/ CRUISING ON 609 (Mrs J Goodall) P Dalton 7-10-13 W Marston –
14 PUUP5P/ GOOSE GREEN 619 (D Hanley) P McEntee 14-10-13 W Elderfield –
15 8UF3P3/ KATY KEYS 674 (L Lloyd-James) L Lloyd-James 10-10-13 J Corkell –
16 P ROMANY CREEK 42 (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 5-10-8 R Davis (3) –

BETTING: 3-1 Ramstar, 9-2 Don Valentino, 5-1 Jolly Jaunt, 7-1 Dont Tell The Wife, 8-1 Playful Juliet, 10-1 Castle Diamond, Dark Oak, 12-1 Beaufan, 14-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE DIAMOND beat Salman 2½l in a 7-runner novice chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm) in July. JOLLY JAUNT beat Master Jolson 2½l in a 13-runner novice handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, soft). BEAUFAN 3½l 2nd of 8 to Viaggio in an 8-runner novice claiming chase at Leicester (2m 1f, soft).
DARK OAK 20l 3rd of 11 to Judges Fancy in a novice chase at Towcester (3m 1f, soft). DON'T TELL THE WIFE 1½l 2nd of 4 to Nickle Joe in a novice chase at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, soft). DON VALENTINO, smart hurdler at his best, beat Gay Ruffian 3l in a 7-runner conditions hurdle at Chepstow (2m, good) in April 1992.
RAMSTAR, likely to improve, beat Local Manor 5l in a 7-runner novice handicap chase at Leicester (2m 1f, soft). PLAYFUL JULIET beat Martell Boy 8l in a 7-runner novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, heavy).
Selection: RAMSTAR

1.40 VICTOR CHANDLER HANDICAP CHASE (Grade II: £19,328: 2m) (5 runners) C4

1 216P-P3 WATERLOO BOY 42 (D,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 11-11-10 A Maguire 93
2 113-145 STORM ALERT 42 (CD,BF,G,S) (Lt Col W Whetherly) A Turnell 8-10-11 DOUBTFUL –
3 1111-22 VIKING FLAGSHIP 14 (D,F,G,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 7-10-10 R Dunwoody 94
4 13-1210 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 35 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-4 J Osborne 99
5 412-151 BILLY BATHGATE 28 (D,F,G,S) (M Buckley) N Henderson 8-10-4 (4ex) M A Fitzgerald 96

Long handicap: Egypt Mill Prince 10-2, Billy Bathgate 9-11.

BETTING: 6-4 Billy Bathgate, 9-4 Viking Flagship, 7-2 Egypt Mill Prince, 9-2 Waterloo Boy.

1993 (run at Ascot): SYBILLIN 7-10-10 M Dwyer (9-2) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

WATERLOO BOY 5½l 3rd of 7 to Sybillin in a grade II limited handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good). VIKING FLAGSHIP 3l 2nd of 2 to Last "O" The Bunch in a handicap chase at Haydock (2m, soft) on penultimate start. EGYPT MILL PRINCE easily beat Gulburn's Nephew 4l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good). BILLY BATHGATE easily beat Wonder Man 15l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good to soft).
Selection: WATERLOO BOY

2.10 TAXINEWS HANDICAP HURDLE (Gold card qualifier: £4,825: 2m 4f 110yd) (30 runners) C4

1 433131 JEASSU 18 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Mills) A J Wilson 11-12-0 T Jenks (5) 93
2 300-844 WILLSFORD 18 (B,CD,G,S) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-13 L O'Hare (7) 90
3 554132 KADI 12 (G,S) (J Brown) D Nicholson 5-11-11 A Maguire 96
4 111P-FP STIRRUP CUP 14 (G,S) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 10-11-8 J Osborne –
5 12-4221 GLAISDALE 15 (S) (Ocala Ltd) M Tompkins 5-11-6 D Murphy 88
6 121311 KALANSKI 12 (G,S) (I Kerman) C Egerton 8-11-3 A Procter (3) –
7 /60/P0 SAYFAR'S LAD 60 (C,D,G,S) (A Whiting) C Nash 10-11-0 M Perrett –
8 400610 ZAMIRAH 12 (F,G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 C Llewellyn 88
9 0-11531 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 12 (G,S) (J McGrath) M H Easterby 6-10-13 L Wyer 85
10 P01PP-2 MONTAGNARD 15 (G,S) (N Gill) M Bradstock 10-10-12 G Bradley 91
11 22111-4 TINDARI 17 (S) (Yorkshire Racing Club) J Jefferson 6-10-12 P Williams (5) 91
12 26-5023 SEA BUCK 15 (G,S) (C Buckle) G Balding 8-10-10 R Davis (3) 95
13 24-0332 FOX CHAPEL 19 (CD,G,S) (K Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-10 G Tormey (7) 99
14 451010- DOOLAR 252 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs L Farmer) P Dalton 7-10-9 N Mann 92
15 21F2/21 NORTHANTS 17 (D,G,S) (C Rennison) W Storey 8-10-9 R Hodge 95
16 50111/3 CASTIGLIERO 59 (V,D,S) (J McCarthy) C Brooks 6-10-9 M Berry (7) 94
17 405213- MWEENISH 273 (G,S) (R Hall) J Webber 12-10-8 G McCourt –
18 3-50020 ANDERMATT 12 (D,S) (The Mackie Sept) J Mackie 7-10-7 N Williamson 98
19 531-011 LINKSIDE 38 (G,S) (M Johnson) M Meagher 9-10-7 M A Fitzgerald 96
20 44/4122- BRAVE BUCCANEER 327 (G,S) (C Halliday) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-6 P Niven 89
21 2541-54 SUPER MALT 15 (F,G,S) (Miss K Allison) Miss K Allison 6-10-5 R Dunwoody 88
22 12U/116 POWLEYVALE 14 (D,G,S) (M St Quinton) B Rothwell 7-10-3 R Supple 88
23 51411P- ROCHESTOWN LASS 403 (G,S) (Miss C Perkins) P Dalton 8-10-0 D Walter (7) 84
24 02U011 IVY HOUSE 12 (S) (Mrs L Joughin) J J O'Neill 6-10-0 B Powell 88
25 0620-64 SIR CRUSTY 108 (F,G,S) (M Ash) O O'Neill 12-10-0 P Maddock (7) 90
26 1-410P3 FAR TOO LOUD 33 (F,G,S) (R Dennis) Mrs J Retter 7-10-0 Mr J Culloty (7) 92
27 1/F2-233 MR FLUTTS 37 (D,BF,F) (J Tuck) J Tuck 8-10-0 S McNeill 86
28 54-31 TOP BRASS 2 (BF,S) (Top Brass Partnership) K Bailey 8-10-0 (4ex) A Thornton (3) 93
29 1440-2F DAMIER BLANC 43 (B,S) (T Panting) M Pipe 5-10-0 L Reynolds (7) 86
30 0/4221-6 CAPPUCCINO GIRL 47 (D,G) (Mrs J Gray) F Gray 7-10-0 M Crosse 80

Long handicap: Rochestown Lass 9-13, Ivy House 9-9, Sir Crusty 9-8, Far Too Loud 9-7, Mr Flutts 9-5, Top Brass 9-4 (4lb ex), Damier Blanc 9-2, Cappuccino Girl 9-2.

BETTING: 9-1 Toogood To Be True, 10-1 Northants, 12-1 Kadi, My House, Castigliero, 14-1 Glaisdale, Brave Buccaneer, 16-1 Linkside, Fox Chapel, Montagnard, Top Brass, Damier Blanc, 20-1 others.

1993: WILLSFORD 10-11-7 B de Haan (25-1) Mrs J Pitman 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

JEASSU beat GLAISDALE (1lb worse off) ½l in an 11-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) in November with FOX CHAPEL (8lb better off) short head 3rd. GLAISDALE beat Bell Staffboy ½l in a 7-runner conditions hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, heavy). TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE beat KADI (10lb better off) 5l in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, soft) with ANDERMATT (10lb better off) tailed off 8th and ZAMIRAH (8lb better off) 5l 9th.
SEA BUCK 9l 3rd of 5 to Kaytak in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, heavy). NORTHANTS beat Dominant Serenade 10l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4f, heavy) with TINDARI (5lb better off) 16l 4th. CASTIGLIERO 4½l 3rd of 5 to Peatswood in a handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good).
LINKSIDE, completed double, beat NORTHANTS (same terms) short head in a 13-runner handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 7f 110yd, soft). IVY HOUSE completed double when beating Major Bell 2l in a 14-runner novices' handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 6f, good to soft). TOP BRASS beat Sparkling Flame 1½l in a 22-runner novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft) on Thursday.
Selection: NORTHANTS

2.40 WARWICK NATIONAL (Handicap chase: £7,727: 3m 5f) (10 runners) C4

1 /11/420- CHATAM 287 (F,G,S) (A Nolan) M Pipe 10-11-10 R Dunwoody 91
2 30F2-63 COOL GROUND 18 (D,G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 12-10-6 P Holley 99
3 25P-642 FIDDLERS PIKE 18 (CD,S) (Mrs Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 13-10-0 Mrs R Henderson 90
4 UP-3213 ALL JEFF 19 (BF,F,G,S) (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 10-10-0 G Bradley 94
5 1/2124/ KING'S CURATE 645 (S) (C Ellis) M Pipe 10-10-0 M Perrett –
6 441212- INTO THE RED 301 (G,S) (J Huckle) J White 10-10-0 N Williamson 85
7 222-221 MOORCROFT BOY 12 (G,S) (K Manley) D Nicholson 9-10-0 A Maguire 95
8 53244U SMOOTH ESCORT 12 (V,G,S) (Mrs A Leat) Mrs D Haine 10-10-0 D Bridgwater 71
9 36P-034 LEAGAUNE 12 (S) (G Greenwood) T Casey 12-10-0 E Byrne 61
10 35-40P6 CAMDEN BELLE 31 (F,G) (B Edgeley) M Muggeridge 12-10-0 C Burnett-Wells (5) –

Long handicap: Fiddlers Pike 9-8, All Jeff 9-5, King's Curate 9-5, Into The Red 9-4, Moorcroft Boy 9-4, Smooth Escort 7-9, Leagaune 6-6, Camden Belle 6-5.

BETTING: 5-2 Moorcroft Boy, 7-2 King's Curate, 5-1 Cool Ground, 6-1 All Jeff, 8-1 Chatam, 12-1 Fiddlers Pike, 14-1 Into The Red, 16-1 others.

1993: FIDDLERS PIKE 12-10-0 Mrs R Henderson (13-2) Mrs R Henderson 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHATAM head 2nd of 7 to Jodami in grade I Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown (3m, yielding) in February. FIDDLERS PIKE 20l 2nd of 8 to Riverside Boy in grade III Coral Welsh National Handicap Chase at Chepstow (3m 5f 110yd, heavy) with COOL GROUND (7lb better off) 8l 3rd. ALL JEFF 2½l 3rd of 8 to Diamond Fort in a handicap chase at Market Rasen (4m 1f, soft).
KING'S CURATE 3l 2nd of 8 to Jodami in grade II West of Scotland Pattern Novices' Chase at Ayr (3m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. INTO THE RED 15l 2nd of 17 to Mister Ed in a handicap chase at Uttoxeter (4m 2f, good) with FIDDLERS PIKE (12lb better off) 14l 5th. MOORCROFT BOY beat Just So 15l in a 9-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (4m 1f, soft) with LEAGAUNE 10½l 4th and SMOOTH ESCORT unseated rider halfway.
Selection: CHATAM

3.10 TOTE TRIO HANDICAP CHASE (£5,183: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners) C4

1 F-2U111 RICHVILLE 18 (D,F,G,S) (Major-Gen R Burges) K Bailey 8-11-10 N Williamson 99
2 124-213 WIDE BOY 18 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Popham) P Hobbs 12-11-5 G McCourt 88
3 321/041 DEADLY CHARM 43 (D,F,G) (J Morris) D Nicholson 8-10-13 A Maguire 96
4 6U5-45F KENTISH PIPER 66 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Pepper) N Gaselee 9-10-10 C Llewellyn 95
5 331-F0P MAJOR KINSMAN 86 (D,G,S) (M Fairbrother) R Lee 9-10-9 L Harvey 88
6 2-21232 DR ROCKET 7 (F,G,S) (The Rocketeers) R Dickin 9-10-5 D Meredith (3) 97
7 332231 L'UOMO PIU 7 (C,F,G,S) (C Spencer) A Barrow 10-10-0 B Powell 90

Long handicap: L'Uomo Piu 9-5

BETTING: 9-4 Richville, 7-2 Deadly Charm, 5-1 Dr Rocket, 6-1 Wide Boy, 8-1 L'Uomo Piu, Kentish Piper, 15-1 Major Kinsman.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RICHVILLE beat Smartie Express 10l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). WIDE BOY beat The Malakarma 4l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Haydock (2m 4f, heavy) on penultimate start. DEADLY CHARM beat Ardbrin 12l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good). KENTISH PIPER 18l 5th of 9 to Dragons Den in a handicap chase at Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. L'UOMO PIU beat DR ROCKET (15lb better off) 7l in an 8-runner handicap chase here (2m, soft).
Selection: DEADLY CHARM

3.40 WARWICK CASTLE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,720: 2m) (12 runners)

1 33P-505 MAJOR BUGLER 28 (D,S) (M Ken-Dineen) G Balding 5-11-10 S Fox (7) 94
2 0P2/PF1- BADRAKHANI 417 (D,G,S) (P Slade) C Nash 8-11-8 R Dunwoody 90
3 225146 PERSUASIVE 12 (D,G,S) (W McHarg) Miss L Perratt 7-11-6 Mr M Buckley (5) 97
4 F34/ SOUTH PARADE 1806 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Mercado) G Balding 10-11-3 G Bradley –
5 21P- ARCHIE BROWN 263 (D,G) (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 7-10-13 G Upton 86
6 12100-0 NIJMEGEN 70 (D,S) (W Hancock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-12 M Dwyer 98
7 12515-3 MIAMI SPLASH 14 (D,G,S) (G Weekes) P Hobbs 7-10-10 M Hourigan 98
8 113111 WESTHOLME 12 (D,G,S) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 6-10-10 L Wyer 99
9 036-144 STATAJACK 36 (D,G) (Mrs M E Slade) D Elsworth 6-10-6 P Holley 98
10 6140- SOOTHFAST 88F (D,S) (W Short) J Old 5-10-0 T Grantham 85
11 041531- SECOND CALL 257 (D,F,S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 5-10-0 R Farrant (3) 87
12 2F-U023 ZEALOUS KITTEN 7 (D,BF,S) (M Oseman) R Price 6-10-0 J McCarthy (5) 91

Long handicap: Second Call 9-6, Zealous Kitten 9-4

BETTING: 3-1 Westholme, 5-1 Miami Splash, Persuasive, 6-1 Major Bugler, Statajack, 8-1 Archie Brown, 10-1 Badrakhani, Second Call, 12-1 Zealous Kitten, 14-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MAJOR BUGLER 24½l 5th of 8 to Absalom's Lady in a conditions hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to soft). BADRAKHANI beat All Greek To Me 1l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). ARCHIE BROWN beat Manerose 15l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, good) on penultimate start. MIAMI SPLASH 10l 3rd of 5 to Nikitas in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft). WESTHOLME beat Aragon Ayr 2l in an 11-runner handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m, good to soft) with PERSUASIVE (3lb better off) 16½l 6th. STATAJACK 10l 4th of 7 to Sand-Dollar in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good)
Selection: WESTHOLME

4.10 WARWICK MARES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,123: 2m) (25 runners)

1 ALLERTON BARGE (V Hanson) Miss S Wilton 6-11-3 T Eley (5) –
2 ARCHIE'S SISTER (B Cottord) R Dickin 5-11-3 D Meredith (3) –
3 DO LETS (The Coated Partnership) C Drewe 5-11-3 R Farrant (3) –
4 DONEGAL PRINCESS (R Fahey) R Fahey 5-11-3 D Bentley (5) –
5 IDIOT'S LADY (Mrs J Olivant) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-3 D Bohan (7) –
6 U JOYFUL JENNY 2 (R Foulds) D Thom 5-11-3 R Davis (3) –
7 0 LADY ORWELL 16 (The Hedonists) C Broad 5-11-3 A Flannagan (7) –
8 2 LANDSKER PRYDE 28 (Mrs J Watts) M Pipe 5-11-3 T Dascombe (7) –
9 LEGATA (C Wateley) J Dooler 5-11-3 P Midgley (5) –
10 LLAMA LADY (H Webb) H Webb 5-11-3 A Dowling (7) –
11 MRS MONEYPENNY (C Courage) M Wilkinson 5-11-3 P Ward (7) –
12 ORCHESTRATED CHAOS (J Mead) J Mullins 5-11-3 Mr J H Mead –
13 0- PENNANT COTTAGE 372 (P Woolley) P Evans 6-11-3 Leanne Eldredge (7) –
14 PINE VALE (Mrs D Hues) G Balding 6-11-3 S Fox (7) –
15 TARTAN MOSS (J Charlton) P Hobbs 5-11-3 N Parker (7) –
16 03- TIP THE DOVE 297 (C Price) R Price 5-11-3 Mr G Hogan (7) –
17 CHIEF LADY NICOLA (Mrs P Willcocks) J McConnochie 4-10-7 E Tolhurst (7) –
18 CROWTHER HOMES (Mrs S Barclay) E Alston 4-10-7 S Knott –
19 DURNWICKS COUNTRY (F Tucker) F Tucker 4-10-7 Guy Lewis (7) –
20 LADY BREYFAX (J Gillo) G Gillo 4-10-7 G Crone (7) –
21 MY ADVENTURE (Mrs J Conway) M H Easterby 4-10-7 A Thornton (3) –
22 ONLY JESTING (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 4-10-7 Lorna Brand (7) –
23 PRINCESS FLEUR (Mrs D Williams) E Alston 4-10-7 A Procter (3) –
24 STRAY HARMONY (Winwood Connell Partnership) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-7 T Jenks (5) –
25 WINDSOR FOX (C Tilly) R Rowe 4-10-7 L Dace (7) –

BETTING: 9-4 Landsker Pryde, 9-2 My Adventure, 5-1 Stray Harmony, 6-1 Idiot's Lady, 8-1 Tartan Moss, 12-1 Mrs Moneypenny, Tip The Dove, 16-1 others.

1993: DILLEACHTA 6-10-10 Mr T Jenks (3-1 fav) D Nicholson 21 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Tompkins	5	13	38.5	T Jenks	6	14	42.9
N Gaselee	10	33	30.3	R Dunwoody	30	113	26.5
R Price	4	14	28.6	L Wyer	3	12	25.0
M Pipe	35	125	28.0	A Maguire	9	42	21.4
N Henderson	11	50	22.0	M Dwyer	3	14	21.4
D Nicholson	18	85	21.2	G McCourt	8	42	19.0

LINGFIELD PARK

☐ The Tote Jackpot is operating at Lingfield today (all six races).

THUNDERER
1.20 Algairawaan. 1.50 Cappuchino. 2.20 Mediator. 2.50 Able Choice. 3.20 Rocketeer. 3.50 Island Knight.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

1.20 TYRONE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,319: 1m 5f) (9 runners)

101 (6) 03-2 ALQAIRAWAAN 11 G Harwood 5-9-5 T Quinn 99
102 (5) 40/ COME ON DANCER 49J J White 6-9-5 J Williams –
103 (9) 0- ROCKET RUN 15 M Saunders 6-9-5 V Slattery 65
104 (7) WHITELOCK QUEST 38J J Spearing 6-9-5 A Mackay –
105 (4) 0-23 ARC BRIGHT 7 (BF) R Hollinshead 4-9-0 L Dettori 95
106 (2) 5/0- BELLEZZA 16J A Moore 7-9-0 A Clark –
107 (8) /0-4 MAMALAMA 14 J Bridger 6-9-0 T Williams 79
108 (3) 60-0 HERETICAL MISS 12 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-8-9 Dale Gibson 80
109 (1) 020- RACHELLY 163 C Wildman 4-8-9 C Rutter 86

9-4 Algairawaan, 7-2 Arc Bright, 5-1 Come On Dancer, 6-1 Mamalama, Rachelly, 8-1 Heretical Miss, 14-1 Bellezza, 20-1 Whitelock Quest, 33-1 Rocket Run.

1.50 LONDONDERRY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,467: 7f) (6)

201 (5) 632- CAPPUCHINO 25 W O'Gorman 9-7 Emma O'Gorman (3) 86
202 (6) 05-2 THORNY BISHOP 14 J Bridger 9-7 T Williams 99
203 (2) 034- ENCORE SENOR 15 (B,BF) N Callaghan 9-6 L Dettori 90
204 (4) 33-0 DOCTOR JAMES 14 J Ffitch-Heyes 9-5 P McCabe (5) 95
205 (1) 02-5 NAPOLEON STAR 4 M Saunders 9-0 V Slattery 97
206 (3) 060- MUTINIQUE 15 J Long 8-9 D Wright (5) 92

2-1 Encore Senor, 5-2 Thorny Bishop, 100-30 Cappuchino, 6-1 Doctor James, 10-1 Napoleon Star, 12-1 Mutinique.

2.20 FERMANAGH HANDICAP (£3,028: 2m) (10)

301 (6) 001- ISLAND BLADE 15 (C,F,G,S) R Akehurst 5-10-0 J Quinn 90
302 (7) 05-2 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 11 (E,CD,G) S Dow 4-9-11 T Quinn 93
303 (9) 3-34 TRUBEN 5 (BF,G) M Johnston 5-9-9 J Weaver 95
304 (10) 403- PERSIAN HAZE 199 (S) Miss B Sanders 5-9-7 W Newnes –
305 (5) 10-5 EURYTHMIC 8 (S) M Ryan 4-8-11 D Biggs 88
306 (1) 0-11 MEDIATOR 11 (CD,G) A Moore 5-8-9 L Carter (7) 96
307 (3) 2-42 KOVALEVSKIA 4 (C,D,F,G,S) D Wilson 9-8-2 G Bardwell 96
308 (8) 300- MICHAELA MIA 45 (V) R Spicer 4-7-11 A Garth (5) 99
309 (2) 06-6 GREY WATCH 14 P Howling 4-7-7 D Wright (5) 95
310 (4) 044- CAROLES CLOWN 204 (F) M Haynes 8-7-7 D Toole (7) 93

3-1 Mediator, 7-2 Truben, 4-1 Sir Thomas Beecham, 9-2 Island Blade, 6-1 Kovalevskia, 8-1 Persian Haze, 10-1 Eurythmic, 16-1 Grey Watch, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Hollinshead, 12 winners from 54 runners, 22.2%. W O'Gorman, 33 from 152, 21.7%; M Johnston, 18 from 96, 18.8%. R O'Sullivan, 29 from 162, 17.9%. N Callaghan, 11 from 62, 17.7%. C C Elsey, 21 from 126, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 22 winners from 63 rides, 34.9%. Emma O'Gorman, 35 from 153, 22.9%; J Weaver, 6 from 28, 21.4%. T Quinn, 57 from 295, 19.3%. L Carter, 6 from 32, 18.8%. Stephen Davies, 8 from 48, 16.7%.

2.50 ARMAGH HANDICAP (£2,899: 1m 4f) (8)

401 (4) 21-1 ABLE CHOICE 14 (CD,G) R Armstrong 4-10-0 L Dettori 99
402 (5) 013- CARLOWITZ 15 (C,BF,G) A Moore 6-9-7 Paul Eddery 98
403 (7) 312- BROUGHTONS FORMULA 25 (B,C,BF,G) W Musson 4-9-2 J Williams 98
404 (8) 423- TELEPHUS 44 (B,F) B McMath 5-8-13 A Mackay 97
405 (1) 14-4 DANCING DIAMOND 14 (CD,BF,G) Miss B Sanders 4-8-6 W Newnes 97
406 (2) 50-0 RUBY COOPER 7 (G) P Howling 4-7-9 J Quinn 96
407 (3) 000- GALLOP TO GLORY 15 (E) S Dow 4-7-9 N Adams 98
408 (6) 000- GATE OF HEAVEN 60 R Spicer 4-7-7 G Bardwell 90

9-4 Able Choice, 3-1 Telephus, 7-2 Broughtons Formula, 4-1 Carlowitz, 7-1 Dancing Diamond, 20-1 others.

3.20 ANTRIM LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,534: 5f) (7)

501 (2) 303- FOUR OF SPADES 18 (B,C,BF,G) B Beasley 9-0 T Quinn 95
502 (1) 4-23 MONSIEUR PETONG 4 (BF) M Channon 9-0 R Painter (7) 92
503 (3) 001- OLD HOOK 108 (D,F) Alan Smith (Bel) 9-0 E Van Reybroeck 89
504 (6) 0-11 ROCKETEER 7 (B,CD,G) W Muir 9-0 Kim McDonnell 99
505 (5) 346- WINDOW DISPLAY 18 (D,S) Mrs N Macauley 9-0 Dale Gibson 93
506 (7) 04-4 MACE EL REEM 11 P Howling 8-9 D Biggs 78
507 (4) 2-61 RISKIE THINGS 11 (V,CD,F,G) J Moore 8-9 N Adams 98

2-1 Rocketeer, 7-2 Monsieur Petong, 4-1 Riskie Things, 9-2 Four Of Spades, 7-1 Mace El Reem, 10-1 Window Display, 12-1 Old Hook.

3.50 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (Final: £7,505: 7f) (16)

601 (12) 01-3 GUSTAVIA 14 (C,D,BF,G) R Armstrong 4-10-0 M Hills 91
602 (13) 210- PENNY BANGER 49 (B,CD,BF,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-1 J Weaver 91
603 (14) 06-5 AFRICAN CHIMES 11 (B,CD,F,G) W Muir 7-8-12 Emma O'Gorman (3) 94
604 (5) 001- YOUNG DUKE 15 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Williams 6-8-11 A Clark 94
605 (4) 251- WAVE HILL 15 (B,C,F,G) P Hedger 5-8-10 Stephen Davies (3) 93
606 (16) 01-1 KINTWYN 11 (CD,G) D Laing 4-8-8 S Whitworth 92
607 (11) 001- ISLAND KNIGHT 28 (CD,G) M Ryan 5-8-4 P McCabe (5) 99
608 (9) 352- MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 19 (B,C,G) B Beasley 4-8-2 Paul Eddery 91
609 (8) 50-6 OCARA 7 (G) R Spicer 4-8-2 G Bardwell 86
610 (15) 03-6 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-8-2 L Dettori 93
611 (10) 02-4 RURAL LAD 7 (D,F,G,S) R Spicer 5-8-1 A Mackay 90
612 (6) 056- NOBBY BARNES 28 (C,G) D Wilson 5-8-0 J Quinn 86
613 (7) 240- KISSAVOS 32 (CD,F,G) C C Elsey 8-7-13 B Doyle (3) 91
614 (1) 032- SIR NORMAN HOLT 28 (B,CO,BF,F,G) R O'Sullivan 5-7-12 D Biggs 98
615 (3) 54-4 MAID WELCOME 7 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-7-11 Dale Gibson 91
616 (2) 02-1 SARUM 7 (C,F,G) C Wildman 8-7-11 C Rutter 92

9-2 Island Knight, 11-2 Young Duke, 8-1 Gustavia, Sarum, 10-1 Sir Norman Holt, Wave Hill, 12-1 Kintwyn, Nobby Barnes, 14-1 Mustn't Grumble, 16-1 others.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Wolverhampton (AW), Carlisle, Fontwell.
TUESDAY: †Lingfield Park (AW), Folkestone.
WEDNESDAY: Ludlow, Southwell, Windsor
THURSDAY: Ayr, Lingfield (AW), Taunton.
FRIDAY: Southwell (AW), Catterick, Kempton.
SATURDAY: Lingfield Park, Catterick, Haydock, Kempton, Market Rasen, †Wolverhampton
Flat meetings in bold † Denotes evening fixture

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
1.00 Carlingford Lakes. 1.30 Sayant. 2.00 Vanart. 2.30 Spanish Whisper. 3.00 Court Circular. 3.30 King Scorpio. 3.55 Mrs Mayhew.
Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 SAYANT.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

1.00 PUTTER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,615: 3m) (3 runners)

1 F-1 CARLINGFORD LAKES 53 (S) T Thomson Jones 6-12-0 S Smith Eccles
2 535P SAMSUN 59 (B,D,F,G) C Popham 12-10-0 D O'Sullivan
3 P5/3 GYMCRAK DAWN 19 (G) J Hetherton 9-10-0 P Harley

4-6 Carlingford Lakes, 2-1 Gymcrak Dawn, 4-1 Samsun

1.30 NIBLICK CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,753: 2m) (5)

1 0531 GLOSSY 10 (CD,G) B McMahon 7-11-4 G Robertson (7)
2 01-1 SAYANT 24 (CD,F,G) W Clay 9-11-4 Diane Clay
3 00-4 RAIN-N-SUN 10 (CD,G) J Harris 8-11-2 D Gallagher
4 0530 STATION EXPRESS 44 (D,BF,F,G) B Ellison 6-11-2 S Mason (7)
5 COSMIC STAR 135F P Walwyn 4-10-9 D O'Sullivan

10-11 Sayant, 6-4 Glossy, 8-1 Rain-N-Sun, 14-1 others.

2.00 MASHIE MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,784: 2m) (8)

1 -430 ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 44 B Preece 5-11-5 T Wall
2 48 BIRD WATCHER 19 M Hammond 5-11-5 C Grant
3 0-0 PERFECT LIGHT 19 Mrs S Smith 5-11-5 R Guest
4 24-0 THE CAN CAN MAN 71 J Mooney 7-11-5 M Robinson
5 45 VANART 38 W Haigh 5-11-5 D Byrne
6 0P ANOTHER TRYP 28 A Jarvis 6-11-0 G McGrath (7)
7 -P0P SUPREME BLUSHER 8 W Kemp 7-11-0 S McDougall (7)
8 4305 GUNNER SUE 12 M Scudamore 4-10-4 J Railton

13-8 Vanart, 5-2 The Can Can Man, 4-1 Gunner Sue, 7-1 Bird Watcher, 12-1 Perfect Light, 20-1 others.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 1.50 Encore Senor. 2.20 Michaela Mia. 2.50 Telephus

2.30 CLEEK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,738: 2m 4f) (7)

1 4641 FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 24 (D,F,G,S) B Preece 9-12-0 E Husband (5)
2 42-0 HARPLEY 40 (V,G,S) R Juckes 7-11-3 N Juckes (7)
3 3-32 QUALITAIR MEMORY 9 (BF,S) J Akehurst 5-11-3 D Gallagher
4 2525 SPANISH WHISPER 24 (G,S) J Bostock 7-10-12 J Twomey (5)
5 5300 MILLIE 19 J Mooney 6-10-0 M Robinson
6 P-5P SINGING GOLD 37 (S) H Sawyer 8-10-0 S Curran (5)
7 4000 BIG GEM 24 M Chapman 4-10-0 W Worthington

11-8 Qualitair Memory, 9-4 For Heaven's Sake, 6-1 Spanish Whisper, 10-1 others.

3.00 BRASSIE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,707: 2m 6f) (4)

1 2364 EMSEE-H 64 (F,G,S) F Murphy 9-11-12 P Murphy (7)
2 5411 COURT CIRCULAR 5 (V,C,F,G) W Clay 5-11-6 (6ex) Diane Clay
3 5501 ARCTIC OATS 10 (D,F,G) W Haigh 9-11-1 D Byrne
4 4501 ELEGANT KING 3 (C,G,S) A Jarvis 5-10-12 (6ex) G McGrath (7)

7-4 Court Circular, 9-4 Elegant King, 5-2 Arctic Oats, 11-2 Emsee-H.

3.30 SPOON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,676: 2m 4f) (5)

1 6FPU STRONG JOHN 19 (D,G) F Murphy 6-11-10 P Murphy (7)
2 00 KING SCORPIO 19 C Egerton 5-11-4 J Railton
3 -0P6 MISTY GREY 58 G Pearo 5-11-4 S Lycett (7)
4 1P4P HEATHYARDS BOY 3 (B,S) R Hollinshead 4-10-13 S Wynne (3)
5 3/00 MERTON MISTRESS 12 P Winkworth 7-10-13 D O'Sullivan

4-5 Heathyards Boy, 11-8 Strong John, 12-1 King Scorpio, 33-1 others.

3.55 DRIVER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,738: 2m 2f) (4)

1 1453 MRS MAYHEW 19 (D,F,G,S) F Murphy 6-11-10 P Murphy (7)
2 4U40 IN TRUTH 38 (CD,G) M Hammond 6-11-2 C Grant
3 055- LAVA FALLS 229 (F,G) M Banks 8-11-1 D Skyrme
4 0243 LOXLEY RANGE 16 (V,S) R Juckes 6-10-0 N Juckes (7)

8-11 Mrs Mayhew, 5-2 Lava Falls, 6-1 In Truth, 7-1 Loxley Range

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Akehurst, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%. T Thomson Jones, 9 from 32, 28.1%. R Hollinshead, 32 from 126, 25.4%. W Haigh, 4 from 18, 22.2%. W Clay, 23 from 127, 18.1%. J Harris, 28 from 172, 16.3%.

JOCKEYS: S Mason, 7 winners from 12 rides, 58.3%. Diane Clay, 26 from 65, 40.0%. S Smith Eccles, 34 from 126, 27.0%. S Wynne, 40 from 196, 20.4%. J Twomey, 3 from 20, 15.0%. (Only Qualifiers)

Fingers crossed for a rain-free Warwick

FINGERS were being kept firmly crossed yesterday by officials at Warwick in the hope of a dry night. No inspection is planned for the card which includes the enterprising switch of the Victor Chandler Chase from the abandoned Ascot meeting, but the clerk of the course, Peter McNeile, conceded that the fixture is at the mercy of the elements. "I wouldn't want it to pour for two hours during the night or tomorrow morning," he said. "If it rains heavily then it could be in doubt."

England's players should take their cue from the way in which South Africa upset the odds

Atherton must return to old fighting spirit



There are weaknesses in the West Indies side, says **Alan Lee**, and the time has come to exploit them

PROSPECTS of English success in the Caribbean over the next 14 weeks depend on many factors, but none more vital than Michael Atherton's ability to dispel the suspicion, ruthlessly exploited by Australia last summer, that our cricketers have gone soft.

Graham Gooch first gave voice to the fear that this malaise of mental ineptitude had taken root as a cry from the heart in the last days of his doomed captaincy. Allan Border has since expanded on the theme with a mixture of bewilderment and delight. Sadly, it must now be confessed that opposition around the world has come to regard England as an easy touch.

One bookmaker has offered 14-1 against England beating the West Indies, the type of odds that can only be found in a two-horse race when a champion meets a selling platter. Although 10-1 is now the best available, it is a realistic price not only because West Indies are unbeaten at home for 21 years, but because England, on recent evidence, could not be strongly-fancied to beat any Test nation bar Zimbabwe.

During 1993, England lost eight out of the ten Tests they played, mostly by embarrassing margins, and yet, perversely, optimism about the touring party that sets out from Gatwick this morning has been gathering strength ever since the solitary win was recorded, at The Oval in August. The fact that it was poor consolation after going four-down to Australia and came against a team whose bowlers were physically spent has not discouraged the belief that a new dawn is breaking under the direction of Atherton.

It has even conveniently been forgotten that Atherton was on the refuse tip of many an amateur selector for much of the year and that he himself was widely, if erroneously, believed to be too soft for the captaincy. One victory, fresher in the memory bank than a sequence of demoralising defeats, has restored the spirits of public and media alike.

This, of course, is to the benefit of Atherton, for no captain can enjoy his team being derided. Yet his challenge is as much in the men he has helped choose as the mission which awaits them. Atherton prefers characters to automatons and, in Ramprakash, Hussain, Tufnell and Lewis, he has taken on players of undoubted talent but maverick tendencies, the type who will stringently examine his man-management skills in the most unforgiving environment.

Atherton will know that the public support he takes with him is forever conditional on the next match and that the mood of anticipation will cut no ice with the West Indies, who always expect to win and, for the past 15 years, have nearly always done so. His initial task — one that has already been addressed during a detailed preparation both at Lilleshall and in Portugal — is to focus the players mentally, so that nobody takes any game for granted nor submits as lightly as was apparent, in some individuals, to Gooch last summer.

A lesson can be learned here from the South African team in Sydney last week. Inferior in ability to Australia and heading for defeat by all known logic, they were prepared to scrap and struggle so ferociously that eventually it was the Australians who were unnerved.

While nobody should be taken in by that hoary old myth about the West Indies surrendering under fire — they have done exactly the opposite in more than one recent series — it is true that they are not the force of old. Weaknesses are evident and England must play on them. The top of the batting, for instance, is vulnerable. Desmond Haynes is rising 38 and no longer the force of old, while Phil Simmons' method, relying more on eye than mobility, can and should be undermined by the likes of Fraser and Watkin.

The bulk of the West Indian runs are expected from the middle order of Richie Richardson, Brian Lara and Carl Hooper, but the fall-back position they enjoyed for a decade has gone. Gus Logie and Jeffrey Dujon, who so often rescued a holed innings from Nos 6 and 7, have both retired. Here again, is hope for England.

Finally, but crucially, there is not the depth of quality within the fast bowling that sustained the teams led by Clive Lloyd and Vivian Richards. Richardson has one mighty weapon in Curtly Ambrose, but the support bowlers are journeymen compared with the champions of previous series.

England's attack, indeed, need not suffer badly by comparison. They may have nobody in Ambrose's class, but they have potentially the fastest bowler on either side in Devon Malcolm and the most naggingly accurate in Angus Fraser. Cotton wool may be needed to preserve the fitness of this pair and, if they must miss the one-day internationals for safety's sake, so be it. Nobody will remember the results of a few limited-overs games if England win the Test series.

Spin is an important element of England's strategy and they have chosen adventurously in Tufnell and Salisbury. One of them should be pencilled in now for the opening Test in Jamaica, as most West Indian batsmen would far sooner face a fourth seam bowler than a spinner turning the ball away from the bat.

A full guide to England's tour of the West Indies will be published in *The Times* on Thursday



Devon Malcolm, if not overworked, could prove the fastest bowler taking part in the winter series. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Yet it will come down, eventually, to the question of whether England can make sufficient runs to compete. Robin Smith is the man on whom the greatest burden rests, but Atherton must win his own battle against inevitable efforts to unsettle him. Alec Stewart, restored to his best position as an opener, has an important role and, given the confidence to perform at No 3, this may even be the tour on which Graeme Hick delivers.

England are not as short of the relevant experience as first impressions suggest — seven of the party were on the last full Caribbean tour and six toured with the A team two years ago. Nor, with regulations governing over-rates and bouncers, plus an independent umpire and a match referee, are they theoretically short of protection from the more cynical elements of West Indian cricket.

It will still, however, be as stern a test of character as any of them have faced and no fanciful notions of a new dawn can be countenanced before the series ends April.



Michael Atherton
Lancashire, captain.
Age: 25. Tests: 29.
Alec Stewart
Surrey, vice-captain.
Age: 30. Tests: 32.
Graeme Hick
Worcestershire. Age: 27. Tests: 18.
Robin Smith
Hampshire. Age: 30. Tests: 45.
Graham Thorpe
Surrey. Age: 24. Tests: 3.
Mark Ramprakash
Middlesex. Age: 24. Tests: 10.
Nasser Hussain
Essex. Age: 25. Tests: 7.
Matthew Maynard
Glamorgan. Age: 27. Tests: 3.
Chris Lewis
Nottinghamshire. Age: 25. Tests: 20.
Jack Russell
Gloucestershire. Age: 30. Tests: 31.
Phillip Tufnell
Middlesex. Age: 27. Tests: 15.
Ian Salisbury
Sussex. Age: 23. Tests: 4.
Devon Malcolm
Derbyshire. Age: 30. Tests: 25.
Steve Watkin
Glamorgan. Age: 29. Tests: 3.
Andrew Caddick
Somerset. Age: 25. Tests: 4.
Angus Fraser
Middlesex. Age: 28. Tests: 12.
Alan Igglesden
Kent. Age: 28. Tests: 1.

TEST AVERAGES OF TOUR PARTY

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	
M A Atherton	29	55	1	1927	151	35.68	3	15	24
A R Caddick	4	8	1	101	25	14.42	—	—	2
A R C Fraser	12	15	1	129	29	8.60	—	—	2
G A Hick	18	31	0	972	178	31.35	1	5	27
N Hussain	7	13	2	284	71	25.81	—	1	3
A P Igglesden	1	1	1	2	2*	—	—	—	1
C C Lewis	20	31	1	771	117	25.70	1	3	18
D E Malcolm	25	37	13	130	15*	5.41	—	—	3
M P Maynard	3	6	0	52	20	8.66	—	—	2
M R Ramprakash	10	17	1	311	64	19.43	—	1	7
R C Russell	31	49	10	1060	128*	27.17	1		360/6
I D K Salisbury	4	7	0	136	50	19.42	—	1	2
R A Smith	45	84	14	3237	148*	46.24	8	22	31
A J Stewart	32	60	4	2083	190	37.19	4	11	46/4
G P Thorpe	3	6	1	230	114*	46.00	1	1	5
P C R Tufnell	15	23	13	56	22*	5.60	—	—	5
S L Watkin	3	5	0	25	13	5.00	—	—	1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Av	BB	5i	10m
M A Atherton	61	11	282	1	282.00	1-60	—	—
A R Caddick	153	28	488	5	97.60	3-32	—	—
A R C Fraser	563.3	130	1398	55	25.20	6-82	5	—
G A Hick	240.5	62	598	14	42.71	4-126	—	—
A P Igglesden	37	3	146	3	48.66	2-91	—	—
C C Lewis	682	145	2068	52	39.76	6-111	2	—
D E Malcolm	934.3	164	3084	83	37.15	6-77	4	1
M R Ramprakash	1.1	0	8	0	—	—	—	—
I D K Salisbury	122.1	9	538	8	67.00	3-49	—	—
R A Smith	4	2	6	0	—	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	6	1	14	0	—	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	687.2	175	1826	50	36.52	7-47	4	1
S L Watkin	89	17	305	11	27.72	4-65	—	—

TCCB Official Cricket Statistics

Clinton appointment reassures Stewart

BY ALAN LEE

ALEC Stewart looks certain to continue as captain of Surrey after being reassured by the appointment yesterday of his former team-mate, Grahame Clinton, as the club's chief coach.

Stewart was procrastinating, not without cause, following the dismissal of Geoff Arnold and consequent restructuring of the cricket hierarchy at the Oval. He declined to accept his reappointment as captain until the new coach was in place, but, on the eve of his departure for the Caribbean, Surrey have avoided further upheaval.

Glyn Woodman, the club's chief executive, said: "Alec totally approves of the appointment and, with Mike Edwards installed as director of cricket, we are now close to our desired set-up for 1994, although other coaching appointments are in the pipeline."

A left-handed batsman, Clinton, 40, retired as a player in 1990 after five years with Kent and 12 with Surrey. He was an instant success when he joined the Surrey coaching staff two years ago. In Clinton's first season back at the Oval, the second XI won both the championship and Bain Clarkson Trophy and Surrey, having entrusted him with the top job, will now hope for similar results at senior level, where they have for too long been underachieving.

To that end, there was disappointing news for the club yesterday in the decision of John Morris to join Durham. Surrey were one of six counties to offer terms to the England batsman, reluctantly released by Derbyshire, but Durham were able to come up with the clinching factor of year-round employment. Morris, 29, will work on the club's youth development and promotional programmes in the winter months.

McCague leads spirited fightback for England A in sweltering heat

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN BLOEMFONTEIN

A BAKING sun, a flat pitch, a quick outfield, another lost toss: England A, who chose to rest Cork and Ilott, endured a long hot day at Springbok Park. Yet by taking six wickets after tea, including the Franklyn Stephenson in the last over, they revealed immense character.

Hugh Morris, who has now lost five out of six tosses in the first-class matches on this tour, maintained, after spending 7¼ hours in the field: "We are still in with a fighting chance of winning this game." If they bat well today, England can prove their captain right.

The key performance belonged to Martin McCague, who took the first wicket as well as the last one and two more in between in the same over. This is another disappointingly-slow pitch so, to get the ball up, as he did when Stephenson gloved a catch to Rhodes, was a pretty good effort.

Orange Free State have such depth in batting that Stephenson held himself back to No 9. When Gerhardus Liebenberg and Rudolf Steyn were making 130 for the second wicket, it appeared they would bat England out of the game. From a position of utter command at 249 for three, however, they ended it on 344 for nine.

When everything conspires against you, it is easy to let things drift. England never did that. One chance went down. Morris dropping an extremely difficult one low to his left at slip off Dale when Wilkinson had made a single. Otherwise, though, the bowlers kept their spirits up and can claim to have had the better of the day. Paul Taylor bowled respectably, his deception ending Liebenberg's innings of 82. A superb legside stumping by Rhodes, to dismiss Steyn for 80, ensured that England have yet to concede a century to anybody on this tour. After Arthur had misjudged a pull shot, offering McCague a return catch, Liebenberg dominated the second-wicket partnership with handsome driving through the offside.

McCague hit Wilkinson on the shoulder as soon as he came in and, returning after tea with the batsman well established, he bowled him and immediately had Venter leg before. When Gough nipped a ball back to bowl Radley and Boje drove Sutch to mid-off, the Orangemen were in danger of squandering the groundwork that early batsmen had supplied.

Stephenson batted with unnatural discretion to guide his team into less-troubled waters. Gough's castling of Craven was thoroughly earned, but a ninth-wicket stand between Stephenson and Player frustrated England.

The last thing they wanted to see was Stephenson striding out this morning. Giving one last effort, however, McCague banged in the ball that dismissed him.

SCOREBOARD

ORANGE FREE STATE: First Innings

J M Arthur c and b McCague	9
G F J Liebenberg lbw b Taylor	82
P J R Steyn st Rhodes b Dale	80
L J Wilkinson b McCague	43
J F Venter lbw b McCague	27
C F Craven b Gough	28
*P J L Radley b Gough	4
N Boje c McCague b Such	1
†F D Stephenson c Rhodes b McCague	46
B T Player not out	10
H Baldes not out	1
Extras (lb 5 w 2 nb 6)	13
Total (9 wkts)	344

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-143, 3-190, 4-249, 5-252, 6-288, 7-288, 8-309, 9-343.
BOWLING: McCague 21-3-72-4; Gough 24-5-64-2; Taylor 23-2-81-1; Such 23-4-73-1; Dale 13-2-49-1.
ENGLAND A: M N Lathwell, *H Morris, J P Crawley, A P Wells, M B Love, A Dale, †S J Rhodes, D Gough, J P Taylor, M J McCague, P M Such.

Jones returns to keep Giants in with a shout

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE noisy presence of their coach, Jeff Jones, on the sidelines tomorrow will leave Manchester Giants short of excuses should they lose the League Trophy final to the holders, Thames Valley Tigers, in Birmingham's National Indoor Arena.

Jones was in the United States for domestic reasons when his Budweiser League leaders suffered one of only two league defeats this season, going down by 22 points to the Tigers at Bracknell. Much was made of his absence: rather less was made of the fact that Mike Obaseki did not appear for the Tigers.

"People seem to forget that I wasn't playing because I had just had my nose smashed," he said yesterday, "and I would like to think players have more influence on games than coaches."

Obaseki, 27, a spindly figure of 6ft 8in, can be good for 20 points or more a game, but he had broken his nose the previous week in Birmingham. It was just one of a painful litany of injuries he has collected in his four years in the national league, the first of which was spent, incidentally, with the Giants.

It is one reason why tomorrow's game might be Obaseki's last. On Wednesday, he will fly to Dallas for an operation on an ankle that has handicapped him for 18 months.

"Nobody seemed to know what the problem was," he said. "Apparently, it was a fracture, but I continued to play on it." A doctor on the staff of the Dallas Mavericks was quick to diagnose the trouble when Obaseki flew home for Christmas.

"In a matter of two hours he told me what was wrong," Obaseki added. "The trouble with the guys over here is that they are too used to soccer injuries."

With his wife, Lorri, based in Tulsa where she works for American Airlines, the temptation is for Obaseki to stay in the United States after the operation and complete the Masters degree in business administration that he has been working on at Reading University. He may return for the league play-offs at Wembley.

A product of Roberts University in Tulsa, which also gave Steve Bontrager and Gary Johnson to English basketball, Obaseki will be missed if he does not return.

Tomorrow, he will oppose Kevin St Kitts, who originally made the same move south from Manchester to Bracknell only to return alone last summer when Manchester's finances improved.

Not once since Obaseki's departure three years ago has Jones been able to beat the Tigers. On the evidence of the recent world individual club championship final, which Manchester lost by 23 points to Broceni Riga, who had defeated Tigers by three in the semi-final, Obaseki will hope to extend that record.

South Africa stay alive in World Series

SOUTH Africa remained in contention for a place in the World Series one-day finals when they defeated New Zealand by five wickets in Perth yesterday. After dismissing New Zealand for 150, they raced past the target for the loss of five wickets with almost 20 overs to spare. They must repeat the feat on Sunday, when they face Australia on the same ground, to maintain their late charge in the triangular tournament.

Peter Kirsten typified the South African spirit by hitting 50, despite the discomfort of a strained hamstring. Allan Donald, the fast bowler, made the vital early breakthrough in the New Zealand innings and bowled with venom to take three for 15 from 8.2 overs.

Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, hit six boundaries on his way to 40 off 34 balls and was delighted by the display on a hard, bouncy pitch: "Everyone carried out their jobs," he said. "The wicket definitely suited our game and we're hoping for a similar one on Sunday." With one game remaining for each team and New Zealand leading South Africa by two points in the qualifying table, the outcome could be decided on run-rate. Despite their heavy defeat, New Zealand still hold a narrow advantage on run-rate.

Regardless of the mathematics, New Zealand can guarantee qualification by beating Australia in the last round-robin match on Wednesday. The home side have already qualified.

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Barrington switches coaching talents to Holland

By Colin McQuillan

AS BRITAIN'S rising young squash players advanced to the quarter-final stage of the SRA national championships at Herts Country Club in Welwyn Garden City yesterday, their mentor and role-model, Jonah Barrington, quietly announced that his closest attentions over the next few months are likely to be applied to the interests of their overseas opponents.

A Cornishman of Irish decent who led squash out of the private clubs and public schools to worldwide professional status while winning six British Open championships, Barrington was crucial to the boom of the game in Britain through the Seventies and deeply involved in the development of the emerging generation. Now 51, he has been contracted to prepare Dutch players for the European team championships on their own courts next April.

Peter Marshall, the double-handed top seed in Welwyn, who defeated Darren Webb 9-3, 9-3, 9-2 in 44 minutes yesterday, is a direct link to Barrington's philosophy of denying opponents the room and respite in which to construct their own strategies. Today, Marshall meets Stephen Meads, of Berkshire, a player unstinting in his admiration of Barrington.

The second quarter-final in the top half of the men's draw is between Tony Hands, of Essex, and Simon Parke, the No 4 seed from Yorkshire, who won the 1990 world junior championship with Barrington in his corner.

"We are beginning to see the product of years of work," Barrington said. "Marshall and Parke must be exploited as the cutting edge of a fine crop of new players, but, unfortunately, the Squash Rackets Association has decided England does not have the financial resources to keep us all connected as we have been."

With his previous function as England's Director of Squash Excellence terminated at the end of last year, Barrington was last week offered a new role working one-to-one with England's leading emerging players. Almost simultaneously he was approached by the Dutch SRA to work with its elite players and is also in negotiation with the organising body in Spain.

"It does seem my worth is greater overseas than in England these days," he said. "My great preference would be to continue with England along the routes we have already established, but I am a professional coach. My diary demands I replace the time vacated by the English SRA."

The English champion, Philip Whitlock, another who worked devotedly with Barrington in his early career, also advanced yesterday, with a 79-minute 1-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-7 win over Danny Meddings, of Surrey.

☐ Chris Dittmar, 30, the former world No 1 from Australia, is to have an operation on his damaged left knee next week in an attempt to save his career.



Branfoot was hounded out of his job as Southampton manager after a shameful campaign by supporters. Photograph: Tony Henshaw

Branfoot exit sets sinister trend



Rob Hughes
Football Commentary

HOW far is football to tolerate the new and sinister cult of hounding men out of boardrooms and off the managerial bench? The departure this week of the Southampton manager, Ian Branfoot, depicts a defiant man broken by nasty, vituperative, threatening extremists to the point where, when driving home, he became accustomed to looking behind him in case he was followed.

Deplorably, a local fanzine had inflamed the passions with a front-page message: "Hope you die soon". The ensuing apology from the "editors" is insufficient: the remedy is for decent folk in Southampton to refuse to buy the rag.

On a wider scale this fanaticism, the threats to the men in football and their families must be quickly policed. If we learned anything from hooliganism, it was that early tolerance and indifference has to be cut out quickly or it grows like a cancer.

Of course, there is a legitimate right of football followers to protest. The Southampton supporters took to showing red cards to Branfoot in recent months. It gave The Dell the atmosphere of a bear pit, yet it was an acceptable way for supporters, young and old, of declaring their opposition to a man who seemed not to understand the the way of playing that the club has always stood for.

He was the wrong man at the wrong club. It it a twist of fate that Alan Ball, the former Southampton player, is being interviewed for Branfoot's job, because Ball suffered a similar indignity when he was spat upon after leaving Stoke City.

This abuse is not isolated. Peter Swales, whatever his mistakes at Manchester City, does not deserve death threats. Terry Cooper has left Birmingham City because of threats involving his family and, while Graham Taylor was England manager, his wife was shocked when a youth dived on the bonnet of her car and spat at her.

The boundaries are spreading. In Scotland, the wife of a Celtic director was bombarded with bricks outside the club. Yet the director concerned, Michael Kelly, a former Glasgow Lord Provost, declined a police invitation to bring breach of the peace charges.

In Germany last Wednesday, Oliver Möller, a Hamburger SV defender, was stabbed in the back by a woman in the crowd and required surgery to a lung, diaphragm and liver; a copycat assault of the Monica Seles affair.

The last year at Southampton has been particularly disturbing because here was a club seen as an oasis of calm away from troubled inner-city grounds, here a board that had employed only four managers in the previous 36 years. The quickening pace of managerial turnover there is illuminating: Ted Bates had 18 years in the chair, Lawrie McMenemy 12 years, Chris Nicholl six and Branfoot only two years and eight months.

Underlying the seething discontent of the Branfoot years has been a genuine fear by Southampton supporters that their club is being left behind. It is now the last remnant of antiquity among the clubs obliged by Lord Justice Taylor to rebuild all-seated stadiums. The problem is intolerance itself because, since 1972, Southampton and the councils representing the city and the county have been talking, without agreement, on relocating the stadium out of its cramped, outdated situation.

The deep fear is that even if a new manager could spare the club relegation, it might go down in its century-old setting because of the inability of planners and directors to find a marvellously-tolerant smaller club a reasonable home.

Walker has Angell's aid in revival mission

By Keith Pike

WITH football's managerial merry-go-round in full swing, attention this afternoon will be focused as much on the dug-outs as it is on the pitch. At three FA Carling Premiership venues, though, there will be grounds for renewed optimism.

At Goodison Park, Everton supporters will welcome Mike Walker as their silver-haired saviour as those Walker left behind at Carrow Road can begin to assess how valuable John Deehan's contribution was to the partnership that transformed Norwich City. At The Dell, the post-Ian Branfoot era begins with Lew Chatterley and John Mortimore in charge of a Southampton team in urgent need of points against Coventry City, although it appears that they are merely holding the fort for Alan Ball.

Walker arrives at Goodison bearing a gift in the shape of Brett Angell, the Southend United striker, who yesterday joined on a month's loan and is likely to play against Swindon Town and complete a remarkable return. Angell spent a month on loan with Everton under Howard Kendall, who resigned in December, but played just 24 minutes in a 5-1 home defeat by Norwich in September, before being sent back to Roots Hall.

Since Kendall's departure Everton have taken just one point from seven games, but, having secured Angell's services, Walker was upbeat yesterday: "I'm sure there'll be big expectations and I am expecting big things as well," Walker said. "The players seem chirpy and enthusiastic. That's what they need to be with a new manager they are hoping to impress."

Angell had also been a possible target for Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, whose side has won only four of 18 matches since Teddy Sheringham injured knee ligaments in October. Ardiles admits to being hampered in his search for a replacement by a shortage of cash.

"I have one player in mind who I would particularly like to sign and I have spoken to Alan Sugar [the Tottenham chairman] and discussed our strategy over it," Ardiles said yesterday, "but he is way out of our range at the moment."

Ardiles will be casting envious eyes in the direction of Alex Ferguson today as Tottenham seek to end against Manchester United a run of seven home league games without a win. The champions, who could be 16 points clear by tea-time, can afford to leave players worth several million pounds on the bench.

For stability, Upton Park appears the place to be. Billy Bonds yesterday signed a new contract as manager of West Ham United that should keep him there until 1997 — 30 years after he joined the club from Charlton Athletic.

The scientific approach to golf's hazards



Simon Barnes
On Saturday

SELDOM do I let a day go past without falling on my knees in thanks for the fact that I do not play golf. I know much better ways of losing vast sums of money, much more alarming ways of coming face to face with personal inadequacy, much more radical ways of catching a distant, fast-fleeing moment of perfection.

That is why I am already preparing a subsequent engagement to coincide with



the World Scientific Congress of Golf, which will be held at the University of St Andrews — I believe there is a golf course of the same name — from July 4 to 8. Here are some of the speeches I will be missing:

* Scientific basis for the benefits of golf courses
* Research in golf: from the laboratory to the course
* Has biomechanical analysis enhanced our understanding of the golf swing?
* Coaching the Swedish women's national team
* Shafts, new material
* The golf database of America
* Effects of high-tech equipment on playing standards
* A self-regulatory analysis of golf

Am I alone in being able to resist such delights?

Fatal feuding

Skip this story if you are a person of sensitive and nervous disposition, for it is a grim tale. It concerns the brothers Daniel and Juan Lopez, who were playing football on opposite sides in a recent match in Galvarino, Chile. It was a hard game, and none played harder than the brothers. One played in attack, the other in defence, so there was no avoiding each other. They got stuck in to each other with a will. First, they were both booked and then they were sent off. As they left the pitch, they started again. At this, Juan, unable to lay his hand on the jawbone of an ass at short notice, picked up a handy piece of wood and slew his brother with repeated blows to the head. The fratricidal Juan is now in jail awaiting trial.

Beating the ban

What do you do if you have been banned from watching your favourite football club? The answer is obvious: to go and watch from the press box. A fellow, known only by the cognomen "Springer", is banned from Bristol City football ground for life, after various violent incidents. He has made a series of attempts to sneak back in, but the people on the turnstiles have always recognised him. However, a local radio station, GMR, performed a stunt in which the bidder of the highest sum could become GMR's match-analyst for the upcoming game against Nottingham Forest. Springer, ever-resourceful, bid £100 and was accepted. He did, indeed, get into the press box and did his stuff for the radio. No one recognised him, until police caught up with him on closed-circuit television. They decided not to give the radio programme a real scoop by scooping Springer away while he was on air, but they escorted him away afterwards. Bristol went down 4-1.

Sporting chance

Somehow, it seems to have slipped the minds of English tourism promoters to enlist the help of travelling England football fans to help boost the image of England as a tourist destination, but Ireland's tourism agency, *Bord Failte*, plans to supply 20,000 supporters travelling to the World Cup this summer with T-shirts that are designed to sell Ireland as a tourist hot-spot. They will also be given brochures to distribute. One in six Americans claims Irish ancestry — about 39 million of them. A board spokesman, James Larkin, said: "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something different to attract attention to Ireland." But football fans? "We have every confidence in them."

Bully for him

Tomorrow, Surbiton play Teddington in the the Hockey Association Cup, a pleasingly-resonant tie that is a replay of the first modern club hockey fixture in 1875. A story traditonally told of this encounter is that a Surbiton player was involved in a penny-farthing accident on his way to Bushey Park, catching his stick in the spokes of his front wheel. Undaunted, he had the broken spokes replaced by a handy blacksmith, cut himself a new stick from an equally handy tree and Surbiton went on to win 2-1. I hope Surbiton display similar sang-froid tomorrow.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Aston Villa v West Ham United
Everton v Swindon
Leeds v Ipswich
Manchester City v Arsenal
Norwich v Chelsea
Oldham v Liverpool (all ticket)
Sheffield Utd v Blackburn
Southampton v Coventry
Tottenham v Manchester Utd
Wimbledon v Sheffield Wed

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	25	17	7	1	52	23	58
Blackburn	23	13	6	4	42	18	45
Arsenal	25	12	8	5	30	13	44
Newcastle	24	12	6	6	42	22	42
Leeds	24	11	9	4	38	26	42
Sheff Wed	25	9	10	6	45	33	37
Norwich	23	10	7	6	36	26	37
Liverpool	24	10	7	7	33	31	37
QPR	24	10	6	8	33	31	36
Aston Villa	23	9	7	7	26	25	34
West Ham	25	9	7	9	21	29	34
Coventry	23	7	10	6	26	27	31
Tottenham	25	7	9	9	34	31	30
Ipswich	23	7	9	7	33	32	30
Wimbledon	24	7	8	8	26	32	29
Everton	24	7	4	14	33	36	25
Chelsea	23	6	6	11	21	28	24
Sheff Utd	25	4	10	11	20	37	22
Man City	23	4	8	11	20	30	20
Oldham	24	4	7	13	19	41	19
Southampton	24	5	3	16	23	36	18
Swindon	25	2	10	13	24	54	16

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Barnsley v Bristol City
Derby v Portsmouth
Grimsby v Stoke
Millwall v Bolton
Notts County v Luton
Oxford Utd v Southend
Peterborough v West Bromwich Albion
Watford v Birmingham
Wolverhampton v Crystal Palace

FA VASE: Fourth round: Radcliffe Borough v Boston, Atherton LR v Thackley; Raunds v Belper; Wroxham v Dunkirk; King's Lynn v Nantwich, Bridgnorth v Glossop North End, Oxley v Cogenhoe, Halstead v Wimborne, Mangotsfield v Barnstead, Whitehawk v Thame; Tividale v Diss, Aldershot Town v Soham; Thanet v Paulton, Hinckley Athletic v Collier Row; Arlesey v Falmouth Postponed; Canvey Island v Newbury.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Hyde, Bridlington v Accrington Stanley, Buxton v Barrow; Chorley v Knowsley, Droylsden v Leek, Emley v Boston; Frickley v Fleetwood, Gainsborough v Winsford, Horwich v Whitley Bay, Marine v Matlock, Morecambe v Colwyn Bay

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	24	14	4	6	43	27	46
Tranmere	26	13	6	7	37	29	45
Charlton	25	13	6	6	52	39	45
Leicester	26	12	7	6	44	29	43
Millwall	25	12	7	6	36	28	43
Southend	26	12	4	10	42	35	40
Notts Forest	24	11	7	6	39	28	40
Stoke	25	12	4	9	36	28	40
Derby	24	12	3	9	40	37	39
Wolves	25	9	11	5	31	23	38
Portsmouth	25	9	10	6	31	21	37
Bristol City	26	10	7	9	29	30	37
Bolton	26	10	9	8	34	30	37
Notts County	26	10	3	13	36	45	33
Middlesbrough	24	8	9	7	32	35	33
Sunderland	25	10	3	12	37	45	33
Birmingham	25	7	6	13	27	37	27
Grimsby	24	5	11	8	32	38	26
Luton	24	7	5	12	28	36	26
West Brom	25	6	7	13	37	45	25
Watford	25	6	6	13	34	50	24
Barnsley	25	6	6	13	29	42	24
Oxford Utd	25	5	7	14	29	48	22
Peterborough	23	3	8	12	18	31	17

Second division

Barnet v Huddersfield
Brighton v Bournemouth
Bristol Rovers v Cardiff (12.0)
Burnley v Bradford
Exeter v Stockport
Fulham v Hull
Hartlepool v Cambridge Utd
Leyton Orient v Reading
Port Vale v Blackpool
Wrexham v Brentford
York v Plymouth

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	24	16	5	3	52	25	53
Plymouth	23	13	5	5	45	30	44
Stockport	23	13	5	5	39	30	44
Burnley	24	13	4	7	41	29	43
Bristol Rovers	23	12	5	6	32	26	41
Port Vale	23	11	6	6	36	26	39
Hull	25	11	6	8	40	36	39
Brentford	25	10	9	6	33	28	39
York	25	11	5	9	35	24	38
Bradford	24	10	6	8	34	32	36
Leyton Orient	25	9	7	9	31	36	34
Blackpool	25	10	3	12	40	46	33
Cambridge Utd	23	9	6	10	36	37	33
Bournemouth	23	8	7	7	24	24	31
Wrexham	23	8	6	9	37	38	30
Cardiff	24	6	9	9	35	36	27
Swansea	23	6	7	10	28	33	25
Exeter	23	6	6	11	32	43	24
Huddersfield	23	6	7	10	24	31	25
Rotherham	23	6	6	11	32	39	24
Brighton	24	5	9	10	28	35	24
Fulham	25	6	5	14	26	37	23
Hartlepool	25	5	5	15	21	38	20
Barnet	23	2	4	17	24	52	10

Not including last night's match

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Postponed: Portsmouth v Watford

Third division

Bury v Doncaster
Colchester v Hereford
Crewe v Scarborough
Darlington v Gillingham
Lincoln v Wycombe
Mansfield v Carlisle
Northampton v Scunthorpe
Preston v Wigan
Shrewsbury v Chester
Torquay v Chesterfield
Walsall v Rochdale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe	22	14	5	3	48	30	47
Preston	22	11	6	5	50	37	39
Shrewsbury	22	11	6	5	36	28	39
Walsall	23	11	6	6	31	26	39
Wycombe	22	10	6	4	40	33	36
Chester	21	11	4	6	36	22	37
Torquay	23	8	11	4	37	31	35
Scunthorpe	23	9	8	6	35	20	35
Rochdale	21	9	6	6	38	21	33
Bury	22	9	5	8	32	29	32
Chesterfield	21	9	3	9	31	36	30
Colchester	22	8	4	10	38	46	28
Lincoln	20	8	4	8	31	34	28
Gillingham	22	7	7	8	26	28	28
Carlisle	23	6	9	8	30	28	27
Scarborough	23	6	9	8	32	27	27
Doncaster	22	6	8	12	26	35	27
Mansfield	22	7	6	9	25	34	27
Hereford	22	5	5	12	31	45	20
Darlington	23	4	7	12	27	40	19
Wigan	21	4	6	11	28	41	18
Northampton	23	2	8	13	29	47	12

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Merthyr
Dover v Telford
Gateshead v Bromsgrove
Halifax v Runcorn
Kidderminster v Yeovil
Macclesfield v Woking
Northwich v Welling
Slough v Stalybridge
Southport v Dag and Red
Stafford v Bath
Witton v Kettering

Tennents Scottish Cup

First round

Huntly v Albion

Second round

Alloa v Gala
Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemuir
Selkirk v Arbroath (1.30)

Scottish League

Premier division

Celtic v Aberdeen
Dundee v Rangers
Hearts v Partick
Kilmarnock v Hibernian
Raith v Dundee Utd
St Johnstone v Motherwell

First division

Airdrie v Morton
Brechin v Stirling
Clyde v Dunfermline
Dumbarton v Hamilton
Falkirk v Clydebank
St Mirren v Ayr

Second division

Meadowbank v East Stirling
Montrose v Queen's Park
Queen of the South v Forfar

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Cambridge City; Corby v Solihull; Crawley v Basingstoke; Gloucester v Chelmsford, Helesowen v Farnborough, Moor Green v Dorchester; Nuneaton v Redneisford, Stalybourne v Atherstone; Trowbridge v Hastings, Waterlooville v Cheltenham, Worcester v Gresley Rovers. Midland division: Bilston v Forest Green, Evesham v Clevedon; Grantham v Leicester United, RC Warwick v Bedworth, Rushden and Diamonds v Sutton Coldfield; Stourbridge v Redditch Tamworth v Newport AFC, VS Rugby v Armitage, Weston-super-Mare v Hinckley Town. Southern division: Ashford v Havant; Bath City v Salisbury; Burnham v Newport, IoW; Erith and Belvedere v Wealdstone; Fareham v Canterbury; Fisher 93 v Baldock; Margate v Buckingham, Sudbury v Gravesend and Northfleet, Tonbridge AFC v Witney; Weymouth v Braintree.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division; Group A: Derry City v Shamrock Rovers (3.30); Galway v Bohemians (2.15); Shelbourne v Cork City (3.30). Group B: Cobh Ramblers v Monaghan Utd (2.15); Drogheda Utd v Dundalk (3.30); St Patrick's Athletic v Limerick (3.30).

FA WOMEN'S CUP: Fifth round: Leasowe Pacific v Town and County; Epsom and Ewell v Inter Cardiff; Brighton v Truro City; Doncaster Belles v Bromley Borough; Wembley v Arsenal; Wakefield v Stanton Rangers; Knowsley United v Huddersfield; Kidderminster Harriers v Preston Rangers.

BOWLS

UNDER-26 INTERNATIONAL: England v Wales (at Stevenage).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Wivenhoe; Basingstoke v Hendon; Canvey Island v Bishop's Stortford; Billericay v Leyton; Chelford St Peter v Croydon; Heybridge Swifts v Whyteleafe; Maidenhead v Boreham Wood; Purfleet v Berkhamsted, Uxbridge v Wembley; Welton and Hereham v Bognor Regis; Windsor and Eton v Staines; Worthing v Ruislip Manor. Second division: Aveley v Saffron Walden; Edgware v Ware; Hampton v Witham; Hemel Hempstead v Metropolitan Police; Hungerford v Egham; Leatherhead v Rainham; Malden Vale v Chertsey. Third division: Bracknell v Rackwell Heath; Cheshunt v Southall; Feltham and Hounslow v Epsom and Ewell; Harefield v Cove; Harlow v Oxford City; Hornchurch v Camberley; Kingsbury v Hertford; Northwood v Horsham; Royston v Tring.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton Ferry v Haverfordwest; Caerawa v Conwy; Connah's Quay v Porthmadog (2.30); Cwmbran v Maesteg Park; Ebbw Vale v Inter Cardiff (2.30); Llansantffraid v Newtown, Mold v Flint; Ton Pentre v Aberyswyth.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Omagh; Bangor v Glentoran; Cliftonville v Portadown, Coleraine v Carrick; Distillery v Ballyclare; Glentoran v Ballymena; Linfield v Larne; Newry v Crusaders.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby v Guildford (8.0); Hemel Hempstead v Sunderland (7.30); London Towers v Worthing (7.30); Oldham v Chester (8.0).

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Ware, Crystal Palace v Stockton, Sheffield v Bury. Second division: Chiltern v Nottingham; Leicester Falcons v London Elephants; Lewisham v Northampton; Stevenage v Mid Sussex.

BOWLS

EBA INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Sixth round: Whitefriars v Teignbridge; Syphers v Mote Park; Stanley v Blackpool Borough; City of Coventry v North Walsham; Cambridge Park v East Dorset; Desborough (Maidenhead) v St Andrews (Weston-super-Mare); City of Ely v Ipswich; Thornaby v Old Mill

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Third round

Batley v Dewsbury Celtic (2.30)

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Five nations' championship

France v Ireland (at Parc de Princes, 2.0)
Wales v Scotland (at Cardiff Arms Park, 2.30)

CIS Insurance county championship

Cornwall v Durham P
Yorkshire v Gloucestershire (at Otley, 2.15)

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bristol v Lirish P (see club matches)
Gloucester v Newcastle Gosforth
Harlequins v Wasps
Northampton v Bath
Orrell v Leicester (2.30)

Second division

London Scottish v Waterloo
Nottingham v Rugby
Saracens v Sale (2.15)
Wakefield v Moseley (2.30)
West Hartlepool v Otley

Third division

Coventry v Bedford
Fylde v Blackheath (2.30)

Club matches

Basingstoke v Newbury (2.30)
Bradford and B v Huddersfield (2.15)
Bristol v London Irish
Harrogate v Rotherham
Havant v Kendal (2.30)
Liverpool St Helens v Vale of Lune (2.30)
Morley v Sheffield
Penzance v Plymouth (2.15)
Rosslyn Park v London Welsh (12.30)
Stoke-on-Trent v Aston OE (2.30)
Sudbury v High Wycombe (2.15))
Weston-super-Mare v Exeter

PILKINGTON SHIELD: Fifth round: South and South-West: Dartmouth v Barton Hill Old Boys.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Old Loughtonians v Hounslow (Chigwell 2.30).

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Bloxwich v Knowle; Coventry and North Warwickshire v Lichfield; Leicester Westleigh v Belper; Olton and West Warwick v Hampton in Arden; Worcester Norton v Finchfield.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians v Old Wilcoxonians; Dulwich v Mid Sussex; Fareham v Winchester; Gore Court v City Of Portsmouth; Hampstead and Wm v High Wycombe; Old Kingstonians v Hendon; Oxford Hawks v Maidenhead; Spencer v Lyons; Staines v Wimbledon; Tulse Hill v Chichester. Hampshire/Surrey: Barclays Bank v Lensbury; Basingstoke v Bournemouth, Fleet v Old Edwardians; Merton v London University; Old Whitgiftians v Woking; Old Tiffinians v Camberley; Old Wilcoxonians v Barnes; Oxshott v Epsom; Petersfield v Cheam; Weybridge Hawks v Purley. Kent/Sussex: Beckenham v Tonbridge; Bexleyheath v Sevenoaks; Blackheath v Old Williamsonians; Bognor v Eastbourne; Brighton v Lewes; Crawley v Horsham; Gravesend v Old Holcombians, Herne Bay v Old Bordenians; Lloyds Bank v Meriden Rovers; Tunbridge Wells v Worthing. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Bracknell v Harrow v Ashford; Hayes v Wokingham; HCC v Amersham; Marlow v OMT; Mill Hill v Aylesbury; Milton Keynes v Sunbury; Moors Motors v Richings Park; RPL v Ramgarhia.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell Bees v Billingham Bombers; Cardiff Devils v Nottingham Panthers; Durham Wasps v Whitley Warriors; Humberside Seahawks v Fife Flyers; Murrayfield Racers v Basingstoke.

RACING

Kick-off 3.0pm unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

QPR v Newcastle (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Leicester v Charlton
Sunderland v Middlesbrough
Tranmere v Nottingham Forest (3.06)

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Third round

Barrow v East Leeds (2.0)
Bramley v Redhill
Carlisle v Askam (2.0)
Dewsbury v Hensingham (3.30)
Doncaster v Wigan St Patricks
Highfield v Saddleworth
Huddersfield v Woolston (3.30)
Hunslet v Barrow Island
Keighley v Oulton (3.15)
London Crusaders v Shaw Cross
Rochdale v Milom
Ryedale York v Leigh (3.15)
Swinton v Irlam Hornets
Whitehaven v West Hull (2.30)
Workington v Beverley

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

Featherstone v Halifax (3.30)
Hull v Castleford (3.15)
Oldham v Hull KR
Sheffield v Bradford (3.15)
St Helens v Warrington
Wakefield v Leigh (3.30)
Widnes v Salford

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Third round

Barrow v East Leeds (2.0)
Bramley v Redhill
Carlisle v Askam (2.0)
Dewsbury v Hensingham (3.30)
Doncaster v Wigan St Patricks
Highfield v Saddleworth
Huddersfield v Woolston (3.30)
Hunslet v Barrow Island
Keighley v Oulton (3.15)
London Crusaders v Shaw Cross
Rochdale v Milom
Ryedale York v Leigh (3.15)
Swinton v Irlam Hornets
Whitehaven v West Hull (2.30)
Workington v Beverley

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Harleston Magpies v Neston (Shotford Heath 2.0).

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Fourth round: Old Loughtonians v City of Portsmouth (Birmingham University 12.0); Stourport v Havant (King Charles School, Kidderminster 1.30). Fifth round: Beeston v Warrington (Highfields, Nottingham 2.0); Harrogate v Teignmouth (Ben Rhydding, Ilkley 12.0); Reading v Cannock (Sonning Lane, 2.0); St Albans v Southgate (Clarence Park, 1.30); Surbiton v Teddington (Sugden Road, 2.0).

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TENNIS TROPHY: Fourth round: Tennis World Middlesbrough v Puma Sunderland; David Lloyd Rainhow v Topspin Darlington; Ilkley v Hallamshire Sheffield; Upper Armley Leeds v Huddersfield; Matchpoint Bramhall v Watchorn Alfreton; Repton School v Beston; Welwyn Spin v Hazelwood. Connaught v Birchwood St Albans; Queen's v Roehampton; Carlton v BBC; David Lloyd Finchley v Middlesex Univ; Delta Swindon v Royal Berkshire, David Lloyd Heston v Walton Astro's; Telford Park Streatham v Chris Lane Woking; Windmill Hill v Pavilion and Avenue Hove; Crawley v Surrey County Club; David Lloyd Eastbourne v Park Llingley Bromley; Maidstone v Deal; Match Point Southampton v Bourne Fernham; West Hants Bournemouth v Alverstoke Gosport; Centrecourt Basingstoke v Kingsley.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham Bullets v Leicester Riders (3.0).

LEAGUE TROPHY FINAL: Manchester v Thames Valley Tigers (National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, 5.0).

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Brixton Topcats v Plymouth Raiders, Crystal Palace Mavericks v Coventry Flyers; Sedgefield Racers v Cardiff Heat.

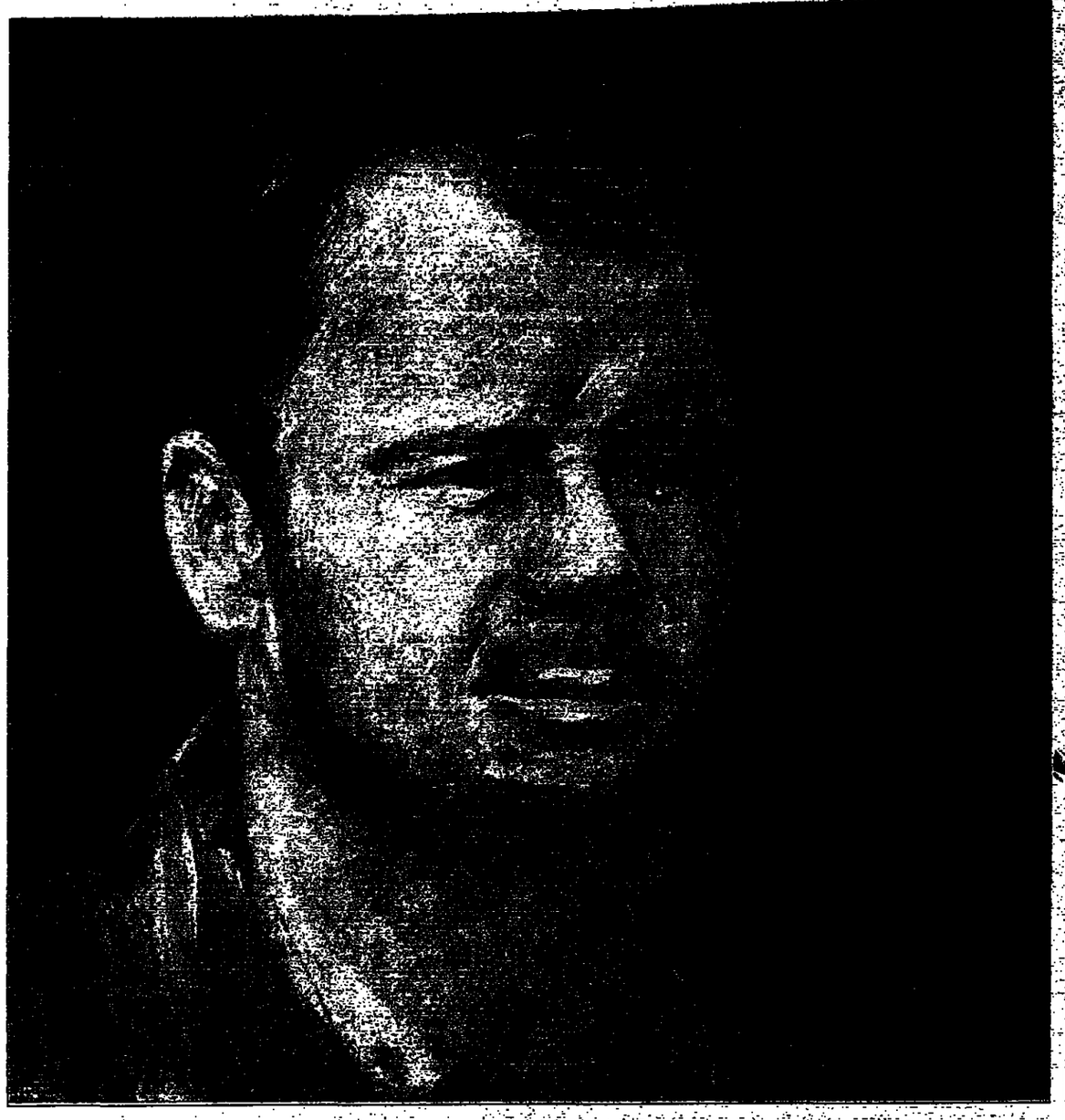
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BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell Bees v Billingham Bombers; Cardiff Devils v Nottingham Panthers; Durham Wasps v Whitley Warriors; Humberside Seahawks v Fife Flyers; Murrayfield Racers v Basingstoke.

Saturday portrait: Ieuan Evans by Gerald Davies

Captain of Wales has discovered a corner of splendid isolation

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



The south east corner of Cardiff Arms Park, underneath the South Stand at the Westgate Street end, belongs to Ieuan Evans, the Welsh wing who plays his 39th game for his country today. There, at the stadium's only open end and where schoolboys gather in their enclosure, he has carved for himself a piece of Welsh rugby immortality.

Evans has chosen this corner to score three of the most daring individual tries seen at a stadium not short of heroic deeds and where, in over a century, rugby has been extolled as a nation's sporting faith. Moreover, the tries have been scored when that faith has been shaken to its roots. One of these tries beat England last year and has been Hallelujah-ed into legend. Thanks to Ieuan (pronounced Yey-ann), Wales briefly reasserted its rugby identity.

That this defeat should have been inflicted on England, the old enemy, when they were going for an unparalleled triple Grand Slam was interpreted as the divinest and sweetest of interventions on one side of Offa's Dike; a cruel joke on the other.

It was all the sweeter for the Welsh because they were the least likely of all the championship contenders. It also seemed like a fitting riposte to the behaviour of the England captain and management two years previously, when they failed to attend the press conference after winning in Cardiff for the first time in 30 years.

How the winning try began hardly matters now. What lingers in the memory is the manner in which Evans, 29, in his other life as an accounts manager with First Mutual Contract, seized the day. Evans, 5ft 10in and just over 13st, went careering after a kick upfield knowing, the way that his opponents were dominating proceedings, that few other chances were likely. It was a loose ball, a kick and chase beyond any player's control. Rory Underwood, perhaps the fastest thing in rugby boots, had first to be outrun. Beyond Underwood, Jonathan Webb, the England full back, had to be beaten. Underwood hesitated and was lost, for which all Wales blessed him, and the full back was no contest for Evans in overdrive. The try was as dramatic as it was improbable. Its audacity reduced spectators to silence or roused them to thunderous applause. And it was daylight robbery, a sprinter's try.

The first of Evans's three great tries, scored against Scotland in 1988, was a complete contrast. Classical passing in midfield, from a scrum, caused the BBC television commentator, Bill McLaren, to say: "Merlin the magician couldn't have done it better. It was magic, magic all the way." Three sidesteps in succession in a crowded cover defence and a dive to avoid a final tackle gave Evans a try of mercurial, weaving virtuosity.

> 'Critics would prefer him to be far more demonstrative. To oblige, he would have to act out of character'

This game, like the one against England, Wales won. His last great try came in a losing cause, against Ireland last year. This was different again. Emerging from a crowded space, then balancing precariously on the touchline, he maintained his poise to run 30 metres and as the final lunging tackle came, squeezed inside the corner post. Evans's leadership has been questioned. Here he offered an answer, giving his team a lead which they failed to follow.

Some seek to belittle opponents: every sidestep inflicts a little humiliation. A crowd recognises this. But Evans simply seeks to show the joy there is in exhibiting his talent for its own sake. He appears to swagger, his feet splayed, posture erect and arms swinging. This is his gait, not an arrogant strut.

Unlike other great wings of this era — Underwood, New Zealand's John Kirwan, France's Patrice Lagisquet, Australia's David Campese — Evans seems alert only when in motion. Casual, almost indifferent, his mind seems on other matters. Like Underwood and Lagisquet but unlike Campese and Kirwan, Evans has the genuine athlete's pace. It is in the genes, he says. His father, who played for Bedford and Aberavon, was fast and his sister, Non, ran the 100 metres for Wales.

At Queen Elizabeth School, Maridunum, Carmarthen, he achieved no national honours. He was small as a boy and, although he played rugby and took part in athletics, he was not big enough to make an impression beyond the school playing fields. By the time he was 18, he had grown enough to captain his school's first XV, but even then he could not make his mark on the national scene. It was not until he reached the University of Salford that he began to develop.

His exceptional talent has finally been expressed despite prolonged periods of injury. In 1985, first for his club, Llanelli, in October, then for the Barbarians against Leicester in December, he dislocated his shoulder and missed the rest of the season. He suffered a similar injury at the start of the 1988/89 season as well as for the Lions in their last game on their summer tour of that year to Australia. Of his first six seasons, he missed two through injury.

These setbacks are behind him and it is not only under a Welsh heaven that this Welsh-speaking wing has shone. He describes Campese as the most talented of his opponents yet, in 1989, harried him into a mistake and scrambled a try for the Lions against Australia in Sydney which settled the series. Recently in New Zealand, he had a magnificent tour.

It is not only his play that is appreciated. He has exhibited strength and dignity at a time when such qualities have been scarce in Welsh rugby. In 1991, a Welsh party touring Australia fell apart under the pressures of repeated failure. Seventy and six-ty- point defeats on the field were followed off the field by brawling among the Welsh players over the dinner table. Evans, a member of that party, took no part in the boorish behaviour, but last year, as captain, made a gesture that went some way to erasing its memory. At dinner in Paris, after France had beaten Wales, Evans astonished the assembly by making his speech in French, a rare courtesy from a British player. Such graciousness is important to him.

He leads Wales for the sixteenth time today, two short of the record held by Arthur Gould in the last century. Few players during these desperate recent years have maintained the great tradition of Welsh rugby. Jonathan Davies, the stand-off half, moved to rugby league, disillusioned. Robert Jones, the scrum-half, has suffered too long behind a failing pack. Both may be talked about as unfulfilled.

Recently there has been a chorus of criticism about Evans's captaincy. There are those who believe that, as a wing, he is too far from the core of his team to be of much influence. He is, they say, in no position to rally his forces with a strong word or two; nor, they say, from a position which is not pivotal, can he guide the fortunes of his team. His critics would prefer him to be more demonstrative, louder. Were he to oblige, he would need to act out of character.

Yet as a player, Evans, has through perseverence and grasping at the thinnest of possibilities, established himself as a master of deceptive flight and can be ranked in the pantheon. This is an extraordinary achievement for a wing, splendid in isolation, playing in a national team during the worst period in its history.

Irish underdogs relish odds

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Five Nations' Championship

THE Irish, it is well known, enjoy a flutter and never more so than when the rest of the world writes them off. The more the betting fraternity makes them rank outsiders for today's five nations' championship game with France at the Parc des Princes, the better they like it.

"Hardly anybody in Ireland gives us a chance," Gerry Murphy, their coach, said as his players trained yesterday at Orsay, "but we always go better as underdogs." Never was there a greater case of underdoggery: France, the 1993 champions, are 7-1 on at Ladbrokes and Sporting Index offers a spread bet on France to win by 14 to 17 points.

The bookies have some justification for their odds: Ireland have gone 22 years without a championship win in France and have never done won at the Parc. On their last visit, they were abject, France running up a record victory of 44-12, and the series played between France and Australia last autumn contained rugby of a quality far higher than that generally seen in the championship.

So high, in fact, that Pierre Berbizier is desperately warning his charges against complacency. Berbizier, the France coach, stalked out of a training session this week and reacted bitterly to comments by his captain, Olivier Roumat, that France must win with style: "A 6-3 win would be considered a failure," Roumat said, casting a hostage to fortune.

Not by Berbizier: "The Irish will be difficult adversaries. They have a goal-kicker, good defence and ball-winning potential and you can beat a lot of teams with that alone. The players have their heads in the clouds and they are coming up against an Irish team that has both feet firmly on the ground."

It is not overstating the case, however, to suggest that Ireland's fate stands or falls with Eric Elwood. Last season, the Irish stand-off half was an unknown quantity: in three internationals, he has totalled 43 points and proved himself a player with the temperament for international rugby. However, opponents have had the chance to do their homework on him.

Moreover, where once teams could reasonably depend on the French offering them a few chances to kick goals — which is all Ireland have done against them since 1980, the last time they scored a try in Paris — the level of discipline achieved by Berbizier's players is remarkable, given that less than two years ago an Irish referee, Steven Hilditch, sent off two Frenchmen against England.

Consider France's competition since they lifted the championship trophy last March: a two-match series in South Africa, where they drew one game and won the other by a point in the face of physical South African forward play; a 50-point romp against a Romanian side that never capitulated; and then the Australian World Cup-holders, with whom they shared a two-match series. France offer known quantities: a strong, durable pack, a competitive lineout, where Roumat stands among the best in the world, and a forceful back row. They have changed at scrum half, however: Aubin Hueber played well against the Australians in the first international, less well in the second and his form has declined. Hence the recall of Fabien Galthié, whose last international was in 1992.

Ireland, whose only match since that heart-warming March day in Dublin against England has been a mediocre display against Romania, may perceive that the link between Galthié and Alain Penaud is a potential weakness, but it will be well-protected. Wider out, France lack the blinding pace of old, but they have a muscular look that should ensure that some of the optimistic midfield running that Ireland offered against Romania last November comes to nothing.

Nor does the Irish pack look entirely convincing: injury and suspension mean that the props, Nick Popplewell and Peter Clohessy, have played scarcely a dozen games between them this season. Neither Neil Francis nor Mick Galwey played last weekend, protecting rib and back strains, and Galwey, wholehearted battler that he is, has yet to convince as a back-row forward — the exact area where Ireland field their only newcomer, Ken O'Connell.

Michael Bradley will have to clear possession more accurately than he was able to do in the recent trial if Elwood is to have a prospect of directing the game and Bradley's ability to do so will hinge on tidy ball.

Back to basics may be a tarnished phrase in England just now, but only if Ireland can get their basics right will they coax a contest rather than a calamity.

TODAY'S TEAMS IN PARIS

FRANCE		IRELAND
J-L Sadourny (Colomiers)	15	C P Clarke (Terenure Coll)
P Bernat-Salles (Pau)	14	R M Wallace (Garryowen)
P Sella (Agen)	13	V J G Cunningham (St Mary's Coll)
T Lacroix (Dax)	12	P P A Danaher (Garryowen)
P Saint-André (Montferrand)	11	S P Geoghegan (London Irish)
A Penaud (Brive)	10	E P Elwood (Lansdowne)
F Galthié (Colomiers)	9	M T Bradley* (Cork Constitution)
L Armary (Lourdes)	1	N J Popplewell (Greystones)
J-M Gonzales (Bayonne)	2	T J Kingston (Dolphin)
P Gallart (Béziers)	3	P M Clohessy (Young Munster)
P Benetton (Agen)	6	M J Galwey (Shannon)
O Merle (Grenoble)	4	P S Johns (Dungannon)
O Roumat* (Dax)	5	N P J Francis (Old Belvedere)
A Benazzi (Agen)	7	K D O'Connell (Sunday's Well)
M Cecillon (Bourgoin)	8	B F Robinson (Ballymena)

Referee: J M Fleming (Scotland)

Replacements: 16 A Hueber (Toulon), 17 P Montlaur (Agen), 18 E N'Tamack (Toulouse), 19 S Graou (Auch), 20 F Landreau (Grenoble), 21 O Brouzet (Grenoble).

Replacements: 16 M C McCall (Bangor), 17 A N McGowan (Blackrock College), 18 R Saunders (London Irish), 19 D A Tweed (Ballymena), 20 G F Halpin (London Irish), 21 K G M Wood (Garryowen)



Tordo, left, and Lapasset, the French federation president, claimed the five nations' trophy last year

Wales look to Jenkins to banish dark clouds

By Gerald Davies

THE five nations' championship is unique in that it is the only contest of its kind in the rugby-playing world and also in the way it encompasses the ties that bind the countries together while they retain their cultural and temperamental differences.

These differences can be brought to bear on the outcome of the championship as much as technical skills and talent on the field. Analysis can come to nought, forecasts flounder. The championship is fuelled, for better or worse, by an emotional charge. Last season, England lost to the least-fancied teams in the tournament, Wales and Ireland.

This season, Wales remain unfancied and Scotland, who they play at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, are likewise. There can hardly have been a meeting of these two countries when the forecasts, either for the weather or for the match, have been so bleak. The weather seems determined only to put smiles on the faces of water companies and make matters worse for the sides as they contemplate a match neither can look forward to with any sense of hearty welcome.

Whatever words they may utter publicly, admitting to being underdogs but confident for all that, both sides are racked with doubt. In fact, who is the underdog? Who is the fancied team? The uncertainty arises because of the poor showing of the countries in their respective international games before Christmas.

Wales failed to put a below-par Canadian team in its place. They made heavy weather of the contest, yet managed to take the lead in the dying minutes and might have salvaged a modicum of pride, only for a confident movement from Canada to upstage them with the winning score in injury-time. Against the All Blacks, Scotland rolled over, leaving the visitors with 50 points in the bag. Neither side can take any comfort from their respective performance.

Such was the disappointment in Scotland that the selectors saw fit to make seven changes from the team which lost in November. Scott Hastings and Graham Shiel, among the backs, and Damian Cronin, of the forwards, were not included in today's side because of injury, but there were no extenuating circumstances for the others. Gregor Townsend and Logan come in at centre and wing, Craig Chalmers retaining his place at stand-off half.



Chalmers: retained

There are five changes at forward. Wright, Edwards, Munro, Turnbull and Morrison are included with Wainwright making a positional switch from flanker to No 8. Shade Munro, at lock, is the new cap. With such a different combination, Scotland must remain as much in the dark as to their likely performance as anyone not closely attached to the team.

So much for Scottish trepidation. Wales, in making nine changes, might be thought to be in worse condition, but it is not quite like that. Nigel Davies comes in at centre for the injured Scott Gibbs and Nigel Walker, on the wing, would have played against Canada had he not been injured.

The back-row trio are a tried and tested combination at Llanelli. Anthony Copsey had not succeeded at lock and his replacement, Phil Davies, has vast experience and is a consistent performer. He might have been able to change the pack's narrow tactics against Canada. His partner, Gareth Llewellyn, in winning his 21st cap, must start to show some authority in the lineout, a department in which Wales desperately need to start winning their share of possession.

Yet, as is always the case in Wales, the focus will be on the half backs. Rupert Moon experienced what everyone must hope was an aberration against Canada, playing far too close to his forwards, and he must return to his club form of last season. Outside him, Neil Jenkins is now in his rightful position and will be happier for that. He must play in the style from which his club benefits hugely from week to week. He is a match-winner.

WALES		SCOTLAND
A Clement (Swansea)	15	A G Hastings* (Watsonians)
I C Evans* (Llanelli)	14	A G Stanger (Hawick)
M R Hall (Cardiff)	13	G P J Townsend (Gala)
N G Davies (Llanelli)	12	I C Jardine (Stirling County)
N Walker (Cardiff)	11	K M Logan (Stirling County)
N R Jenkins (Pontypridd)	10	C M Chalmers (Melrose)
R H St J B Moon (Llanelli)	9	A D Nicol (Dundee HSFP)
R L Evans (Llanelli)	1	P H Wright (Boroughmuir)
G R Jenkins (Swansea)	2	K S Milne (Heriot's FP)
J D Davies (Neath)	3	A P Burnell (London Scottish)
E W Lewis (Llanelli)	6	D J Turnbull (Hawick)
P T Davies (Llanelli)	4	N J B Edwards (Northampton)
G O Llewellyn (Neath)	5	D S Munro (Glasgow H/Kelvinside)
M A Perego (Llanelli)	7	I R Morrison (London Scottish)
L S Quinnell (Llanelli)	8	R I Wainwright (Edinburgh Acads)

Referee: P Robin (France)

Replacements: 16 R N Jones (Swansea), 17 M A Rayer (Cardiff), 18 B H Williams (Neath), 19 H Williams-Jones (Llanelli), 20 A H Copsey (Llanelli), 21 H T Taylor (Cardiff).

Replacements: 16 D A Stark (Boroughmuir), 17 D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), 18 B W Redpath (Melrose), 19 G W Weir (Melrose), 20 A V Sharp (Bristol), 21 K D McKenzie (Stirling County).

Wood clings to amateur compromise



David Miller examines the efforts of rugby union to resolve the dilemma over professionalism

DUDLEY Wood almost enjoys infuriating his critics. This large, affable former Oxford University forward, a successful businessman who, as secretary of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), has revolutionised its finances, endures the year-round lampoons of being a pantomime figure with a quiet but resolute smile.

He will go to his grave believing in, and defending, the right and the necessity of rugby union remaining an amateur sport. The five nations' championship kicks off today, a multi-million pound tournament that itself now pales by commercial comparison with the Rugby World Cup next year. Yet Wood, like some lost Sir Galahad, continues with his white banner of purity held aloft and to hell with those who do not agree.



Wood: infuriates critics

"Possibly, I am trying to hang on to something that is outdated, but I believe in it," he insisted, with unflagging conviction, "and I don't have difficulty in persuading many people [to agree]. My stance has always been that if the will of the game is to go further down the professional track, that will happen. The present view [of the RFU] is that we are far better off as we are."

It is a view with which no intelligent person can disagree. The problem, as other sports such as football, tennis and athletics have learned to their cost, is the conflict between moral theory and practical reality. Every spring, there is a meeting between the chief administrators of the leading sports in Britain. Men such as Michael Bonallack, from golf, Graham Kelly, from football, Chris Gorringe, from tennis, and Colonel John Stephenson, recently retired as secretary of the MCC, gather for lunch to chat over mutual interests. They repeatedly tell Wood to stick to his guns. Yet how does rugby, as predominantly perceived within the British Isles, resolve its impossible dilemma: a game increasingly attracting huge sponsorship and television coverage yet instinctively knowing the dangers of conceding to the escalating expectation — and, in the background, the demands of agents — of the leading players on whom the international show depends?

The international board, a body of decent, well-intentioned men — how often have other capitulating sports bodies been described thus over the past 30 years — are forced into anomalous indecision by the schism between northern and southern hemispheres. South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and, to a lesser degree, the subtle French give no more than token respect to the amateur laws, while the British, characteristically, cling to compromise and, it must be said, self-deception.

My heart supports Wood. Yet having watched football, tennis, athletics and the Olympic Games being swamped by commercialism, my head tells me they cannot win, now that the door is partially open. Let us remember, too, there was boot money enough at well-known clubs when Ian Beer, the RFU president, was playing at university 40 years ago.

Keith Rowlands, the secretary of the international board, has said, aptly: "Players are seeking professional rewards alongside amateur responsibility. They would not enjoy the changes which come with full professionalism." Yet Wood acknowledges that England *must* be successful on the field in order to service the loans necessary to have rebuilt Twickenham.

"If England were regularly beaten out of sight, we *would* lose support massively," he said, "but we are a well-organised operation [grass roots development, coaching, selection] and we should be able to play to the standard of the best teams in the world."

However, he admits he cannot see more than five years down the road, that the level of commitment in the southern hemisphere "is frightening" and that England might get left behind. He claims, well aware of the equivocation, that there is a critical difference between abuse of the amateur rules — turning a blind eye — and paying the players. "And we are nowhere near that yet."

Wood's eminently-defensible argument is that rugby players are infinitely better placed if pursuing the course of Jonathan Webb — playing full back for England while simultaneously qualifying as a doctor — than being professional. The same is true, by the players' own admission, of academically non-qualified players such as Gareth Chilcott or Jeremy Guscott. Both have "made good" through their rugby involvement.

"Before we say our players are disadvantaged [by not receiving direct payment], we need to look at the whole package, the opportunities they have, and I don't think they are," Wood said. The key to the balance, in his view, is the total time for which players must be committed to the international game. Nobody is in any doubt that the club game could never support full professionalism, never mind the wretched problem of a minority of clubs "buying" the best players.

The RFU attempts to determine, in consultation with Geoff Cooke, the England manager, that demands are within reason to allow simultaneous pursuit of a separate career. Rob Andrew was recently named Young Surveyor of the Year by his professional association and there is acknowledged mutual benefit for the Royal Air Force and the police from the rugby prominence of Rory Underwood and Wade Dooley.

"We are under great pressure," Wood said. "I and my fellow administrators are to blame for generating a lot of money. The alternative was to allow the game to become a backwater." This anguished, insoluble cry of the limited progressive has been with us throughout the century. Better men than Wood have failed to find a perfect answer that can preserve sport's morality.

Focusing on one game a big mistake



Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, analyses the prospects for the five nations' championship

THE 1994 five nations' rugby championship begins today with everyone already talking about France v England. I find this bizarre and ludicrous. Everyone seems to be assuming that either France, the holders, or England will win the grand slam this year. Everything will be decided, so the theory goes, when these two meet in Paris on March 5.

To suggest as much is not only discourteous to Ireland, Scotland and Wales, but foolish. The five nations' championship is unpredictable. Who, for example, forecast before the tournament last year that England would lose to Wales and Ireland? Those who dismiss the chances of three of the nations this season should reflect on that.

For a change, this year has the makings of a really good championship. I do not mean that the standard has been poor in recent years, but rather that the last three years have been too much about England and France. This year the other countries could have more of a say.

Ireland, who meet France in Paris today, could be worth watching. The French underestimate them at their peril. Ireland have a good management in place and are starting to see the benefits of a league structure. Their wins over Wales and England last season were good by any standard.

They dominated us in Dublin and found pride, passion and self-belief. If they can keep that up in this championship, they will cause everyone problems — including France in Paris.

Neil Francis, on his day, is as good a middle lineout jumper as there is; Nick Popplewell is a world-class prop forward and, in other forwards, such as Brian Robinson, Mick Galwey, Paddy Johns and Peter Clohessey, they have size and power. The Irish pack looks solid.

Behind them, Eric Elwood, the stand-off half, kicks his goals and puts his foot on the ball in midfield. He controls things well. Yet you must go to Paris with a deep-down self-belief and play with real passion. If Ireland can do that today, they could upset the French. They will have to stand up to them everywhere, though. Too many Irish sides have gone to Paris and lain down.



Galthié, a good scrum half, has been in and out of the France team



Elwood, the stand-off half, controls things for Ireland

As for France, you never quite know. I do not share the enthusiasm about them because the 24-3 defeat they suffered against Australia in November was comprehensive. They are much better than they have been, but not the finished article yet. Any side that engages them could cause them problems.

They are still playing around with the team, changing the half backs. Fabien Galthié, who replaces Hueber, is a good scrum half, but has been in and out. Alain Penaud, his half-back partner, can be inconsistent. Nor have the French quite got the flair in the backs they once had. They do, however, have a big pack of forwards and, unless Ireland stop them peeling off the lineouts and mauls, they will be hard to deny.

The other match, in Cardiff, between Wales and Scotland, will be a tense and cautious. Both are under enormous pressure, but I favour the Scots. Their annihilation by New Zealand was an aberration and they will bounce back. They got it wrong on the day, but, in players such as Craig Chalmers and Andy Nicol, two good half backs, and the back row of Rob Wainwright, Iain Morrison and Derek Turnbull, they have a solid contingent.

Scotland will not mind being underdogs and they have a useful record in Cardiff. Their back row, in particular, looks much better balanced than the Welsh and, although they will miss Scott Hastings, I would not be surprised to see Scotland win.

The loss to Wales of Scott Gibbs and Richard Webster is significant. They were two of their best players. Their other world-class player, Ieuan Evans, is on the wing, where he can do little if things are not going right in front of him.

It will be difficult for Wales. They need to reproduce the fire and spirit they showed against England last season. They seem able to do it against us, but not against the other countries.

What last year's championship proved was that on any Saturday, regardless of the level of quality on paper, a team can raise its game for 80 minutes, play out of its skin and beat anyone else. I fully expect some upset results this season.

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills*

Injuries hamper Northampton's efforts to regain momentum

A YEAR ago, Northampton nearly derailed Bath, when a surprise 11-8 defeat at Franklin's Gardens left the league champions struggling all the way to the finish before they could be sure of retaining their Courage Clubs Championship title (David Hands writes). Today, however, Northampton have difficulties of their own.

Bath took revenge in September, winning 37-9, and Northampton's league season has scarcely recovered. Further discouragement arrives with the absence of three senior forwards against Bath today.

John Olver and Tim Rodber are injured and Neil Edwards has been recalled by Scotland in Cardiff. "We are not going to be relegated, but we need to start using the talent that is so obviously at our disposal," Olver said. In Olver's absence with a strained Achilles tendon, Northampton are led by John Steele, who is recalled in place of Paul Grayson. Bath, too, restore an old favourite in Richard Hill, at scrum half, but prefer Steve Ojomoh on the flank to Andy Robinson, the former captain. Robinson is unhappy at the situation, but Ojomoh, named in the England A squad a week ago, deserves his opportunity.

Andy Reed, whose international form last season won him a place on the British Isles tour of New Zealand, plays his first league game of the season in the Bath second row after recovering from operations on both knees. The Scotland selectors will be keen to hear reports of his form.

Harlequins introduce new blood in the shape of Ben Richardson, who plays on the flank against Wasps at the Stoop. Harlequins are short of five injured back-row players so Richardson, 22, formerly of Durham University, plays. Troy Coker and Mark Russell make up the back row. Alex Snow and Brian Moore also appearing in the pack against a Wasps side unchanged from that which beat Gloucester.

Simon Morris, who has been missing for four months with an ankle injury, is welcomed back to Kingsholm by Gloucester. He sustained the injury against Newcastle Gosforth and returns at centre against the same opponents, who are all too aware that their only league point of the season came in the drawn match with Gloucester.

One of England's most promising young hookers, Chris Johnson, makes his first league appearance of the season for Leicester at Orrell. Johnson, a student at Loughborough University, played for the national under-21 side last year and gets his chance because Richard Cockerill is rested.

The loss of three players to Ireland permits London Irish to downgrade their meeting with Bristol to the status of friendly, while the weather has taken its toll of the CIS county championship semi-finals.

Cornwall have been forced to postpone the game with Durham because of the state of the Redruth pitch, but Yorkshire will play Gloucestershire at Otley with two former internationals, Bryan Barley, of England, and Christian Raducanu, of Romania, in their ranks.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Workington's form argues against upset

JUST once, in 1909, has an amateur side upset professional opposition in the Rugby League Challenge Cup and the chances of Beverley emulating their historic 7-2 win against Ebbw Vale are slim at best at Workington Town tomorrow (Christopher Irvine writes). Workington are striding away at the top of the second division and should encounter little resistance from the struggling National Conference side in the third-round game.

A better chance of reversing an 85-year trend rests with Saddleworth Rangers, for Highfield, their opponents, prop up the second division after only one win so far this season. Hunslet have an awkward hurdle in Barrow Island.

Tim Street, the Hull prop forward, and Simon Irving, the Leeds centre, have each been suspended for two games by the League's disciplinary committee. Gary Coulter, the Huddersfield forward, cited by Doncaster for a high tackle in the game on January 2, has been suspended for four games.

Called to the colours

MOTOR SPORT: Benetton's determination to mount a strong challenge to Williams for the Formula One constructors' championship was emphasised yesterday when it was announced that J J Lehto, of Finland, and Jos Verstappen, of Holland, would join Michael Schumacher as the team's drivers for the 1994 season. "The team situation is fantastic," Schumacher said. "J J is very quick, we have more power than last year and our goal must be to beat Williams." Verstappen, 21, will combine test driving with developing the new Ford Zetec engine.

Nigel Mansell, who Benetton tried to sign at the end of last year, has begun testing for the new IndyCar season at Phoenix, Arizona. He banished thoughts of his high speed crash there last year by becoming first man to lap the one-mile oval in less than 20sec.

Hill bolsters Havant

HOCKEY: Robert Hill, the short-corner specialist, will return to the Havant squad after a self-imposed rest for tomorrow's postponed fourth round Hockey Association Cup match against Stourport at Kidderminster. Hill last played on December 5, when Havant defeated Cannock 4-1 in the league. Southport are likely to be unchanged. Among tomorrow's fifth-round games, Teddington meet Surbiton, the leaders of the second division, while Southgate, away to St Albans, have doubts over two injured players, the full back, Bill Waugh, and goalkeeper, Giles Cadman.

Serenity leads fleet

YACHTING: The American yacht, Serenity II, skippered by Jerome Wernke, was the first to complete the first stage of the Europa Round the World rally, which left Gibraltar last week, reaching Gran Canaria after four days and 15 hours at sea. The British entry, Stampede, like Serenity II in the division one class of the event, was second into port, although the division's winner, on corrected time, was Miro, of New Zealand, skippered by Don Robertson. The cruising division Class A was won by the Irish boat, Zaberdast, while Class B was won by Hookey, from Britain.

Security under review

ICE SKATING: Officials plan to tighten security at next week's European championships in Copenhagen, where Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean will continue their comeback, and at the world championships in Japan in March following the attack on Nancy Kerrigan at the United States championships. Kerrigan, who has a badly bruised knee, hopes to be fit for next month's Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway, where an organising committee spokesman insisted it would be impossible for an outsider to get near the skaters.

Marksmen on target

RIFLE SHOOTING: The world champion Fairfield Great Britain rifle team retained its unbeaten record in Perth, Western Australia yesterday by winning the Empire Trophy for the Commonwealth team championship for the fifth consecutive time. Jane Messer, of Sussex, the only woman in the team, made the top individual score of 199 out of a possible 200. The team of ten, firing ten shots each at 300yd, 600yd, 900yd and 1,000yd, totalled 1,941 points, four points in front of Australia. Also for Britain, Andrew Tucker scored 197 and both Andy Chown and Glyn Barnett scored 196.

Moser chases record

CYCLING: Francesco Moser, the Italian professional, whose one-hour unpaced world record of 51.151km stood for 9½ years until beaten last July by two Britons, first by Graeme Obree and then Chris Boardman, who holds the current record of 52.270km, will attempt to regain the record today. Moser's bid takes place outdoors and at altitude in Mexico City on the track he used successfully ten years ago. The Italian, now 43, has been preparing seriously for his attempt since July and will adopt an aerodynamic position similar to that pioneered by Obree.

Holders face tough test

REAL TENNIS: Sally Jones and Alex Garside, the holders, start as favourites in the George Wimpey British Open women's doubles championship at Canford this weekend. Despite the absence of Penny Lumley and Charlotte Cornwallis, the world champions, they face a tough challenge from several experienced pairs, including Margaret Affen and Sheila MacIntosh, the fourth seeds, and the Australian partnership of Fiona Deuchar and Mandy Happell, seeded No 2. Happell looks in fine form after injury problems last season.

SKI REPORT

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	20	90	good	varied	slushy	snow	2	14/1
(Snowing above 1,200 metres with poor visibility)							
Mayrhofen	0	60	good	powder	closed	cloud	3	14/1
(New snow has improved conditions)							
Obergurgl	70	120	good	good	good	snow	-1	14/1
(Good skiing among the trees)							
Sölll	20	65	fair	varied	slush	rain	6	14/1
(Snowing above 1,000 metres, raining below)							
St Anton	40	180	slush	heavy	slush	rain	3	14/1
(Snowing above Galzig with rain in village)							
FRANCE							
Avoriaz	130	170	good	powder	good	snow	-4	14/1
(Fresh snowfalls but visibility poor)							
Chamonix	70	240	good	heavy	fair	rain	3	14/1
(Fresh snow above 2,000 metres)							
La Plagne	160	325	good	varied	good	cloud	0	14/1
(Difficult conditions with falling snow)							
Tignes	135	320	good	powder	good	snow	-5	14/1
(Excellent snow but very poor visibility)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	70	80	good	powder	good	snow	2	14/1
(Excellent snow and excellent prospects)							
Grindelwald	0	55	fair	powder	closed	snow	2	14/1
(Temperature dropping, snow falling, prospects good)							
Gstaad	15	50	fair	heavy	fair	snow	3	14/1
(Good skiing above 1,600 metres on fresh snow)							
Mürren	30	90	good	powder	good	snow	0	14/1
(Snowing heavily, 30cm so far)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial

Riveting annual ritual kicks off with start of five nations' championship

Inactive England cast long shadow

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

David Hands assesses the significance of the rugby union tournament which gets under way today



Gavin Hastings, the Scotland captain, in contemplative mood as his side prepares for its opening match against Wales. Photograph: Marc Aspland

FIVE years ago, England sat out the first round of the five nations' rugby union championship, as they do today. They watched their Celtic, Gaelic and Gallic rivals begin the complex, fashionable, riveting ritual that is the championship, aware that they were at the beginning of a cycle which reached its apogee two years later.

History repeats itself. England will enter the championship on February 5 encouraged by a much-heralded victory over southern-hemisphere opponents. In 1988 it was Australia, in 1993 New Zealand. Despite the fact that they are in the process of renewing their team, they begin as favourites, a situation which owes as much to the complete reorganisation of the game in England as it does to the grand slams of 1991 and 1992.

But where stands the championship itself, which begins in Paris, where France play Ireland for the 67th time, and in Cardiff, where Wales and Scotland lock horns two short of their century? Has it become an adjunct to the four-yearly World Cup, merely a stepping-stone to an event which, from its first halting entry in 1987, has sprung up to rival the great sporting events of the world?

Happily, tradition is not sloughed off so easily. "The five nations has a peculiar intensity which levels teams out," Will Carling, the England captain, said. "People in the southern hemisphere don't understand what the championship is like." Carling is wrong. People in the southern hemisphere understand all too well what it is like and they wish they had one.

The mystique of the five nations is not due to high-quality rugby. The product can be a variable feast but if you mix it with historical and sociological ingredients, pour in the modern preoccupation with sport in general, add the different character of the contending countries, and the resulting brew provides controversy and fascination.

Last season Scotland beat Wales who beat England who beat France who beat Ireland who beat England. Predicting the result of any match should be comparatively simple in the light of most recent form and relative playing experience, but it is not. There is, too, the tactical variation: the game required against one opponent may not do against the next and that is where the championship still scores over a three-match series in a southern-hemisphere tour.

It may be argued that this season, Wales's main objective is qualification for the 1995 World Cup. The countries they must beat are Spain and Portugal in May. Yet they know as well as anyone that success in the championship will ensure the subsequent objective and re-establish links with past glories, which their supporters have been starved of this last decade.

Every so often an extension of the five nations is suggested, not least by Geoff Cooke, the England manager. Why not make it a northern-hemisphere championship, with two divisions, embracing, for example, the likes of Canada?

Maybe that will become the case, as part of the qualifying process for future World Cups, yet the five nations should be aware of the cachet of their championship. Dilution may be democratic but does not necessarily mean a higher or more attractive standard. Perhaps in a professional game it will become inevitable, but then whole nature of rugby and the basis for playing it will have changed.

It is that same cachet that draws the Parisians in droves to the Parc des Princes. Do they turn out *en masse* for France against the world champions, Australia, or against the All Blacks? They do not, which is why the French federation tends to play pre-Christmas internationals in the provinces, where smaller stadiums can be filled more readily than the cavernous Parc.

It is not so long since the Rugby Football Union could seldom guarantee that Twickenham would be filled for a November international; now it takes it for granted, but even in the bad old days it could hang the "house full" signs out for the championship and supporters would know that a ticket for the Wales game was far harder to acquire than for the matches against the other three countries.

You concede that kind of magnetic appeal at your peril. Whatever happens in Paris and Cardiff today, by March 19 we will have had incidents and exploits aplenty. And what of the championship trophy, won in its inaugural year by France? The programme suggests that the game in Paris on March 5 between France and England should decide its destiny, were it not for such quirks of fate as France's failure to win at Murrayfield since 1978.

The most jinxed ground in the championship for England remains Cardiff, but as Wales must come to Twickenham for the 100th contest between the countries, that is insignificant this year. The Welsh remain shrouded in uncertainty, a mood which extends this season to Scotland after the barrage they endured against New Zealand in November; there seems an air of indifference among their supporters, whereas over the last five years they have been vibrant with expectation.

The Irish occupy the middle ground in the betting. They have the assistance this season of one of the greatest centres, Mike Gibson, who is helping coach the backs, though in no formal capacity. His presence, and that of Eric Elwood at stand-off half will bring an unaccustomed structure to the Irish game but they must leave home for their two most difficult matches against France and England.

By normal canons, one of these two should emerge as champions in the countdown to the 1995 World Cup. France have welded the discipline to their game which was a characteristic of their successful sides of the mid-Eighties, when Pierre Berbizier was scrum half. Now he is coach and if he can retain the flair at stand-off of Alain Penaud, France will be both a successful and attractive combination.

But England have no fear of playing in France; they have not lost in Paris, or indeed to the French, since 1988 and they have a bunch of young players eager to fill the shoes of the departed Peter Winterbottom, Wade Dooley, Jonathan Webb, Jeff Probyn and Mike Teague. Whatever comfort today's victors may take, they will still be looking over their shoulders, anxious to see if England's class of '94 have genuine championship credentials.

1993 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	4	3	0	1	73	35	6
Scotland	4	2	0	2	50	40	4
England	4	2	0	2	54	54	4
Ireland	4	2	0	2	45	53	4
Wales	4	1	0	3	34	74	2

1994 FIXTURES: Today: France v Ireland, Wales v Scotland. February 5: Ireland v Wales, Scotland v England. February 19: England v Ireland, Wales v France. March 5: France v England, Ireland v Scotland. March 19: England v Wales; Scotland v France.

1993 RESULTS: January 16: England 16 France 15, Scotland 15 Ireland 3. February 7: France 11 Scotland 3, Wales 10 England 9. February 20: Ireland 8 France 21, Scotland 20 Wales 0. March 6: England 26 Scotland 12, Wales 14 Ireland 19. March 20: France 28 Wales 10, Ireland 17 England 3.

WINNERS: Grand slam: England 10, Wales 8, France 4, Scotland 3, Ireland 1. Triple crown: England 17, Wales 17, Scotland 10, Ireland 8. Outright championships: Wales 21, England 20, Scotland 13, France 10, Ireland 10.

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The Wales players in training for the game at Cardiff Arms Park today. Photograph: Huw Evans

Ball heads queue of contenders to succeed Branfoot

By Keith Pike

ALAN Ball, a World Cup winner with England but yet to prove himself in football management, seems increasingly likely to become the next manager of Southampton, the FA Carling Premiership club.

Ball confirmed yesterday that he has accepted Southampton's invitation to discuss the vacancy, created by Ian Branfoot's resignation on Tuesday, and was believed to be involved in negotiations last night with Guy Askham, the Southampton chairman.

Ball, however, has made it clear he will not easily be persuaded to leave Exeter City, the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club he has been in charge of since August 1991: "If things at Southampton are not right and the deal is not right for me, then I will not leave Exeter," Ball said. "I feel duty-bound to speak to Southampton. If I had not taken this opportunity to speak to them, it would have haunted me for the rest of my life. But it would have to suit me.

"I have been my own man for two years here and I am halfway through what I see as a long-term job. I am very happy at Exeter and my wife and family are settled here.

"I have to take the chance to speak to a Premier league club and I had no hesitation saying I wanted to speak to them, but it doesn't mean I will be their new manager."

A former player at The Dell and the supporters' favourite candidate in a local poll, Ball is on a shortlist also thought to contain the name of Peter Shilton, his former England colleague and now manager of Plymouth Argyle.

According to Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton director and former manager, Ball "is one of a number of people we will be approaching through the proper channels".

Askham said he hoped Branfoot's successor would be appointed by the middle of next week. "We will only be advertising for the job if our initial shortlist of candidates does not provide a manager for us," he said.

Speculation that Graham Taylor, the former England manager, might be approached was "probably far wide of the mark".

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Selkirk return to cup with old score to settle

Kevin McCarra recalls a famous defeat for the team from the Scottish Borders

THE score was a score. Selkirk conceded 20 goals when they played Stirling Albion in a Scottish Cup tie on December 8, 1984. It is the largest margin of victory in the tournament this century, but those who thought that such a fusillade would destroy the fabric of the club were mistaken. True, Selkirk failed to emerge again from the qualifying competition until this year, but today they are back.

The tie, at Ettrick Park, Selkirk's home, yokes the victims of 1984 with the biggest bullies in football history. Arbroath beat Bon Accord 36-0 in the Scottish Cup on September 12, 1885. There is no foreboding among the Borderers. They have come a long way in attempting to put some distance between themselves and the 20-0 scoreline.

At that point, Selkirk were a lowly team in the second division of the Border Amateur League and their mere qualification for the Scottish Cup was a feat. "After the Stirling Albion game, just think how the teams we had beaten felt," Jackson Cockburn, their manager, said. "They were cringing."

Nowadays, Selkirk are members of the more prestigious East of Scotland League, which is comparable to the Diadora League in England, and bidding for promotion to its premier division. Only Cockburn and the captain, Paul Brownlee, were with the club that day in Stirling. Brownlee was suspended and sat in the stand with his head in his hands, peeking at the match through his fingers.

With the passage of time, some are now able look back at the famous thrashing without flinching. Danny Munro, the centre forward in 1984, likes to tell people that he got more touches in the game than anyone: "I had to kick off after every goal."

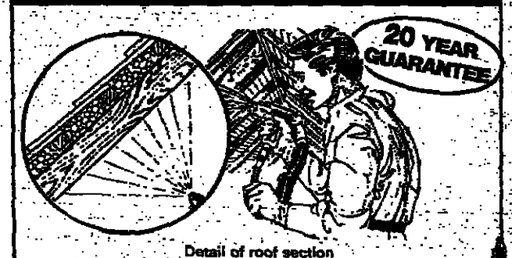
Alex Smith, then the Stirling Albion manager, remembers giving what is surely the most effective team talk of all time. "We were only winning 5-0 at the break and I told the players they must not let up because people had paid to see them score as many as they could. Perhaps they did overdo it." Ten goals in the last 20 minutes hint at a taste for excess.

When mishaps are as great as Selkirk's, even the most mundane decisions seem to lead to further mockery. The players had earlier arranged to have a night out following the game, but the venue they chose was in Bannockburn, site, in 1314, of a disastrous result for another team who had travelled from the south.

Cockburn has memories of the aftermath which are almost pleasant: "The local people were very good to us. They felt that all the derision was being directed at the town of Selkirk itself so they rallied round."

The day's greatest casualty may, naturally enough, have been the goalkeeper, Midge Taylor: "Midge only had four or five more games for us," Cockburn said. "He lost interest and drifted away. Apparently, he went off to play outfield for a pub team." Brownlee has heard a different tale of the keeper's whereabouts: "I was told he joined a rugby club. Let's just hope he is not the full back."

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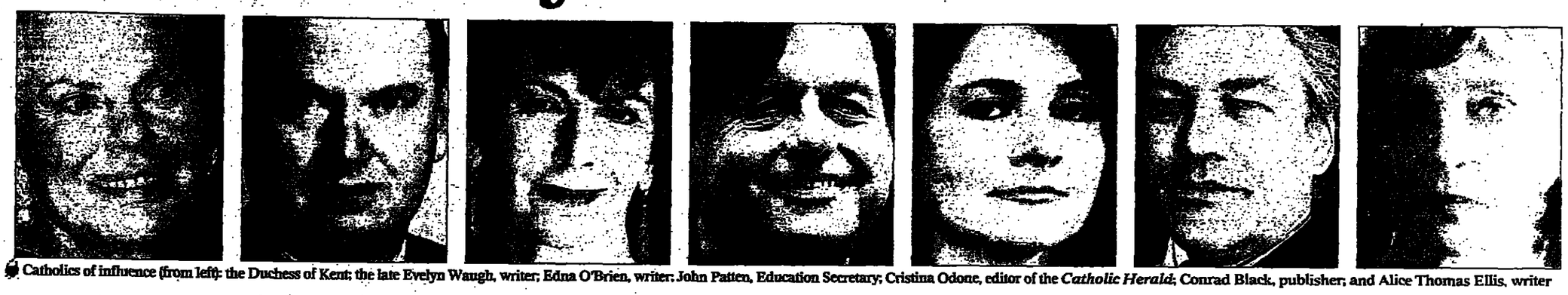
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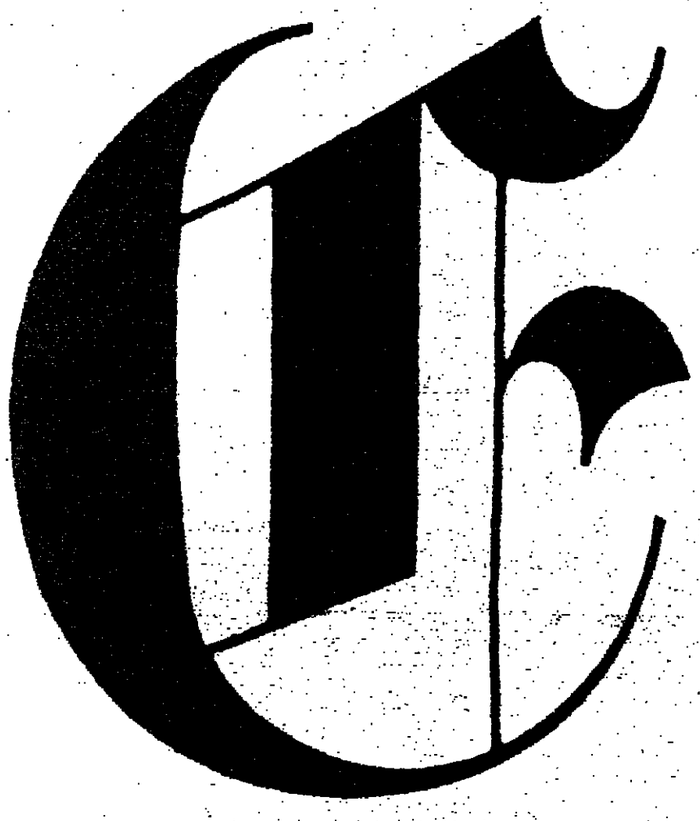
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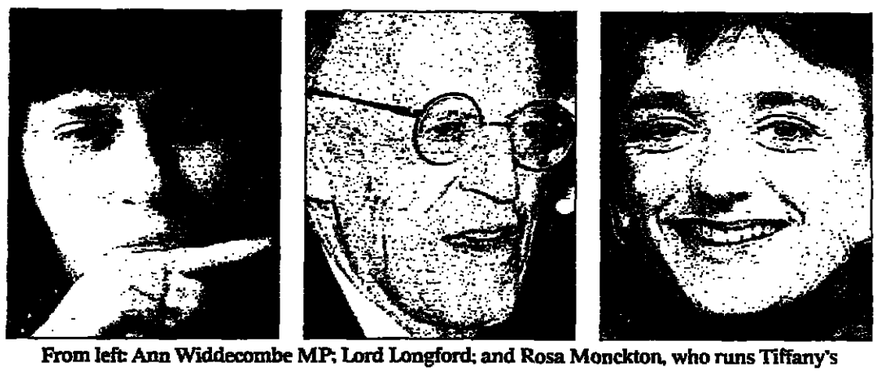
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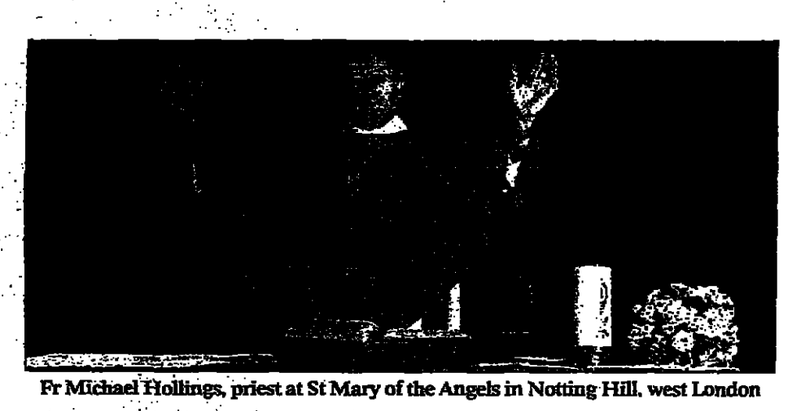
Catholics of influence (from left): the Duchess of Kent; the late Evelyn Waugh, writer; Edna O'Brien, writer; John Patten, Education Secretary; Cristina Odone, editor of the *Catholic Herald*; Conrad Black, publisher; and Alice Thomas Ellis, writer



Catholicism already exerts influence within the Establishment, says Daniel Johnson. Now the Duchess of Kent is adding to a select club of the powerfully connected



From left: Ann Widdecombe MP; Lord Longford; and Rosa Monckton, who runs Tiffany's



Fr Michael Hollings, priest at St Mary of the Angels in Notting Hill, west London

A lady of 60 was received into the Roman Catholic Church yesterday. Let us keep that in perspective: it is only a very small step towards the conversion of England for which Catholics used to pray. The media tend to see the Duchess of Kent's conversion, and that of other prominent Anglicans such as Ann Widdecombe MP, as a blow struck against Canterbury rather than a positive decision for Rome. They still *equate Catholicism with the* "foreign" power of the Pope.

In such a hysterical atmosphere, it is easily forgotten that Anglicans who choose the Roman option are, in effect, recognising how very English was the religion of Chaucer and Chesterton, Gerard Manley Hopkins and Graham Greene. The overwhelming majority of converts choose Catholicism for positive reasons. And the almost unnoticed rise of Catholics within the British Establishment is still recent enough for there to be shock waves when a single member of the royal family becomes a Catholic.

Of course, the Catholics of England were seen for centuries as dissidents. From the Counter-Reformation to the era of Catholic emancipation in the early 19th century, the mighty Church that had built the great cathedrals and abbeys of the British isles was reduced to a network of recusants. I was struck that Radio 3's main Christmas morning broadcast was of a Mass by William Byrd, from the private chapel of the Petre family. In Reith's BBC, such a broadcast on Christmas Day would have been unthinkable.

The legacy of that long era of repression may have turned into one of the Church's greatest strengths. Some members of the Catholic hierarchy will concede in private that their predecessors adopted a low, even submissive profile. But this has kept the Catholic hierarchy out of the damaging confrontations which have diminished the prestige of successive Archbishops of Canterbury. In general, the Catholic episcopate has handled royalty, government and aristocracy with tact.

Mgr Maurice Couve de Murville, the Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham in whose province the duchess has a house at Henley, is as unstuffy as any convert could wish; his friends call him plain Father Maurice. But he is also fastidiously courteous and he would be at ease with somebody like the duchess. Although I have never met Dr George Carey, the present Archbishop of Canterbury, I doubt whether he would be such enjoyable company.

It has been noted that the Princess of Wales, too, enjoys the company of Catholic friends such as Rosa Monckton, who runs Tiffany's and is married to Dominic Lawson, editor of *The Spectator*. Rumours that the princess has been secretly receiving instruction from a Catholic priest have been denied, and sound improbable. One can be fairly sure that, if the princess had expressed a wish to receive instruction, the Catholic Church would have handled the matter with absolute discretion. Buckingham Palace could learn a thing or two from the Catholic Church about leaks.

The English Catholic hierarchy have also been warmer in their reception of Anglican and other converts — not just duchesses — than their predecessors before the war, who feared a sentimental infatuation with the Latin rite or "smells and bells". Those who wish to become Catholics are treated very gently; they are likely to be asked to scrutinise their motives for converting over a period of months while receiving instruction.

Where does one go? The Jesuit community at Farm Street, central London, is popular among the upper classes nationwide but individual priests are also receptive. Perhaps the grandest is Mgr Alfred Gilbey, the nonagenarian resident of the Travellers' Club in Pall Mall, central London, who cuts a gaunt figure in his black coat and soup-plate hat, but is as affable as ever. Fr Michael Seed, the personable young ecumenical officer at Archbishop's House, Westminster, has instructed several of the present wave of Anglican converts. The quiet holiness of Fr Michael Hollings, priest at St Mary of the Angels in Notting Hill, west London, has been a guide for many of the perplexed.

For most of the past century Roman Catholics tended to be under-represented in many professions: the law, the military, medicine, the universities, business and commerce. Catholics are nowadays prominent in all these fields, reflecting the removal of informal barriers to entry or promotion. Less than 20 years ago, the law was changed to remove one of the last of these taboos, when Catholics were at last permitted to become head of the legal profession, though the Catholic Lord Rawlinson — tipped to become Lord Chancellor — did not, in the event, get the job.

Pope John Paul II has helped, too, by espousing the free market. One respected American commentator, Professor Michael Novak, has written of a new global "Catholic ethic" emerging in our time which will end for ever the association of Catholicism with poverty. But it should be remembered that the quiet role of Catholic clergy and laymen in caring for the poor has been an important part of the Catholic Church's appeal to conscience-stricken members of the Establishment, ever since the 19th-century convert, Cardinal Manning, became the champion of poor Irish immigrants. Unlike its counterparts in Spain, France, Italy and Germany, the Catholic Church in this country has generally avoided the trap of becoming identified with left or right.

The section of the Establishment on which Catholicism has made least impact is the political sphere. Harold Wilson was close to Cardinal Heenan while Prime Minister, and Frank Pakenham, Lord Longford, was a liberal Catholic voice in several Labour cabinets; but they have not been replaced. Margaret Thatcher promoted scarcely any Roman Catholics, and John Major, among the least overtly Christian Prime Ministers of modern times, is no different. John Patten, the Education Secretary, is the only cabinet minister who publicly avows his Catholicism, although John Gummer has resigned from the Anglican General Synod and may decide to convert.

Such political impotence does not, however, impede the Church's social kudos. Prominent Catholics in the media, such as Conrad Black, who controls the Telegraph Group, or Cristina Odone, the dynamic young editor of the *Catholic Herald*, have helped to give the new vogue for conversion a helping hand. Charles Moore, editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, has given notice that he and his wife Caroline are considering whether or not to convert. Catholic novelists, among them Alice Thomas Ellis, Edna O'Brien and Piers Paul Read, have also played an important part in making Catholicism fashionable.

There is much gossip about Catholic societies. The only one I know is the Keys, a group of journalists who meet at St Ethelreda's Church in Ely Place, Holborn. It attracts eminent speakers, but is neither sinister nor influential.

However adept Catholics may be at moving in Establishment circles, the ultimate appeal of Catholicism is its appeal to the inner voice, the voice of conscience and truth. We have seen this before. In the 1840s Victorian England sat at the feet of John Henry Newman, the best brain of the Oxford Movement, which had just given the Church of England a new spiritual impetus. He could have aspired to Canterbury itself, with all the social status that implied.

Instead, he appalled his fellow Anglicans by converting to Rome, thereby excluding himself from the Establishment of his day. He forced the English to reflect on the Englishness of Catholicism, showing that it was not merely a matter of submission to the authority of the Pope, but a return to the Church of our ancestors. To the grandest of English Catholics, the Duke of Norfolk, he wrote: "I shall drink — to the Pope, if you please — still, to Conscience first, and to the Pope afterwards." This uniquely Catholic fusion of conscience and authority still attracted such very English writers as G.K. Chesterton and Evelyn Waugh, who converted in 1922 and 1930 respectively.

Waugh's snobbish attachment to the Establishment had nothing to do with his Catholicism. The Catholic Church was indeed a kind of alternative establishment, but it was not the Establishment. "I reverence the Catholic Church because it is true," he said, "not because it is established or an institution." Those who aspire to become Catholics because they fancy rubbing shoulders with duchesses, please note.

Why our countryside is being drowned

Oliver Tickell advocates more power for the rivers authority

COUNTRY MATTERS

One of England's more charming qualities is its inability to cope with the weather. A few dry summer months, and we are stricken by drought. A few wet winter weeks, and dreadful flood is the result. Take this month's high waters, the simple result of a damp autumn and a wet January.

Yet, even 50 years ago, almost all our rain would have fallen into woods and fields and pastures, most of it to sink into the ground on its way to the nearest water course. After heavy rain, rivers would not so much have burst their banks as spilled out over swamps, marshes, and meadows. No disaster, this was part of the seasonal cycle to which the land was accustomed. Houses were built on high ground, arable crops were grown on well-drained land, and the flood plains, made fertile by sediment, were reserved for hay making and summer grazing. With the floods draining only slowly into the main rivers, flows were reduced in winter and maintained in summer.

This state of affairs has been compromised since 1945 by a ferocious programme of land drainage. Guided and financed by the agriculture ministry, farmers, drainage authorities and internal drainage boards have dredged and culverted miles of river, stream and brook, converting water meadows and flood pastures into arable crop land.

A no less aggressive process of urbanisation then ripped across the newly civilised flood plains, so conveniently flat for roads, car parks, factories, houses and supermarkets. Basic truths were forgotten. Such as, that when rain lands on tarmac, it immediately runs off into sewer or culvert. Or that if the water cannot spread over flood plains, it must hurtle on downstream. Or that the more efficiently hydro-dynamic the rivers, the faster their water flows on.

So rainwater that would have dispersed harmlessly is now accelerated downstream in unprecedented volumes. And at the narrowing of the funnel, something has to give. The sad fate of Chichester — its flood plain an urban sprawl, the downlands ploughed for wheat, and its river Lavant reduced to a concrete drainage ditch — is no less devastating for its inevitability.

This in spite of the fact that the agriculture ministry ended its drainage grants scheme in the early 1980s. Already, its policy is to restrict development on the flood plain, and maintain high water levels in upper watersheds.

The problem is that it has no power to prevent planners from developing flood plains. Yet it has to prevent the floods that follow.

Clearly, the NRA must have a veto over such flood plain developments and also the power and the money to buy up and destroy development that should never have been allowed.

In the countryside, the NRA's policies for watershed management often oppose its duties to maintain low water levels on river-drained farmland, and to co-operate with farmer-dominated internal drainage boards. Fortunately, a model solution to this tension of interests is already in place with the agriculture ministry's Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) scheme.

In seven wet land areas, including the Somerset Levels, the Avon and Test valleys, and the Norfolk Broads, farmers are paid between £100 and £140 per acre to raise water levels, and return to traditional hay-making and summer grazing. Later this year, wetlands in the Upper Thames and on the Essex coast will join the scheme. This is not enough. Rather than being limited to isolated areas, ESA schemes should be extended to all the country's flood plains.

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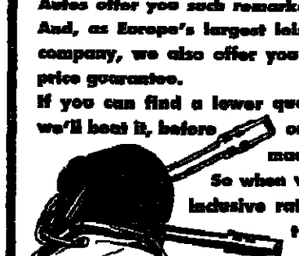
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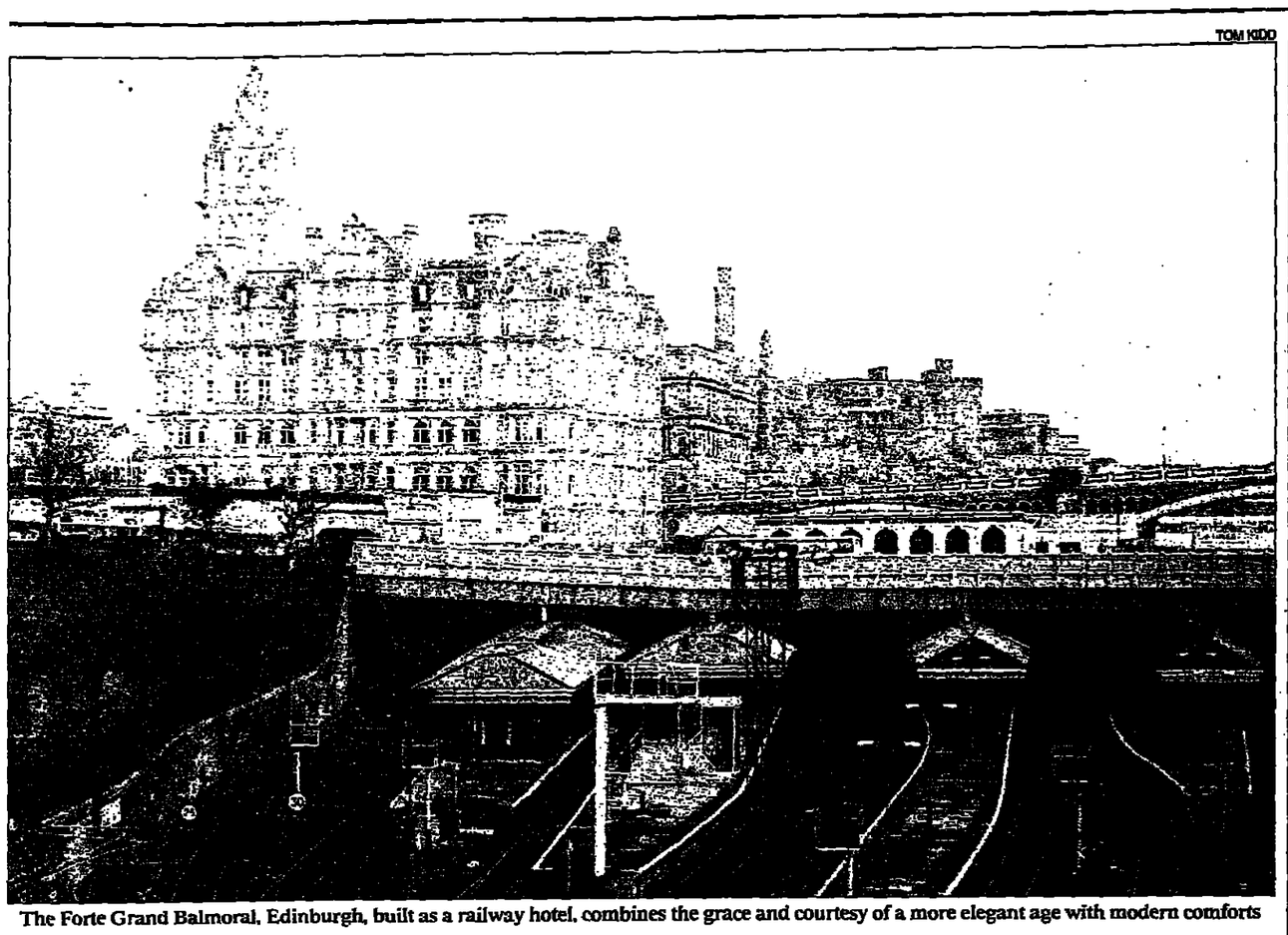


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The Balmoral was designed as a stopping place for passengers travelling north. In those days there was space in the hotel's basement to hold stocks of food and linen from which trains replenished their stocks. Turnberry, on the other hand, was created to cater for the increasing popularity of golf in the early 1900s. A destination in itself, the hotel even merited its own 20-mile rail line and station.

In deference to the tradition of both hotels, we decided to travel by train. In deference to the modern pressures of time, we also wanted our car — so we went by Motorail. Our sleeping compartments were cleverly designed, if very compact — adults have to undress in rotation — and the overnight journey from Euston to Edinburgh went smoothly. The conductor let us sleep until the last possible moment, waking us at 7.30am with fresh coffee in china cups. When we emerged blinking in the early morning sunshine, our car was ready and waiting on the platform at Waverley.

In the romantic age of steam, the return fare to Edinburgh on first-class sleeping berths with "lavatory accommodation" was £5 16s 6d. A "luncheon basket", containing half a chicken, ham, salad, ice, bread, cheese and a half-bottle of claret cost 3s. Accommodation for horses was £4 19s extra.

The Balmoral stands above the station at the heart of Edinburgh. Its 190ft-high clock, a city landmark, is still kept two minutes fast to ensure that train passengers are on time. This tradition harks back to The Balmoral's origins as The North British Station Hotel.

Half-asleep, we climbed steep steps leading from the station to the hotel's imposing Edwardian front entrance in Princes Street and felt immediately cheered by a cosy open fire and ample sofas in the lobby. The porter who whisked our luggage upstairs did not bat an eyelid at our carrier bag full of shoes or the black bin liners which covered my husband's suits.

Our bedroom was decorated according to an original Edwardian design with a high, ornate ceiling, pale lilac on the walls and a vast double bed. A light sleeper, I worried in case the busy road outside would pose a problem at night but an effective sound-proofing system and heavy velvet curtains rendered the room quiet and dark. In fact we all slept so soundly that we were late for breakfast each morning.

Most bathrooms in the hotel have proper windows and natural light. Ours had a superb view along Princes Street, although we discovered that it was strategic to pull down the blind when undressing since we were virtually at eye level with the tops of passing double-decker buses.

The Balmoral's Grill Room restaurant is sober and formal, reminiscent of an exclusive men's club. We sank into soft, spacious white armchairs and worried in case the children were out of place. They themselves had no such qualms, asked for dishes not on the menu, and had their requests treated with courtesy.

Much of Edinburgh is within easy walking distance of the hotel. Step out of the revolving front door and the Scott Monument and Edinburgh Castle pierce the skyline on the left while the City Observatory, on Carlton Hill, looms up on the right.

A beautiful, hilly, compact city, Edinburgh not only offers an abundance of historic attractions, art galleries and museums (including a refurbished, expanded Museum of Childhood), it also is a shopaholic's paradise. There are bustling shopping centres, malls and pedestrian precincts. Princes Street contains all the chain stores necessary for a head-to-toe refit while the Royal Mile is a mecca of small, traditional shops selling crafts, old books, prints, kilts and tartan shirts.

In contrast, Turnberry stands on a hillside in spectacular isolation, overlooking the rocky coastline of Ayrshire. This is Burns country — rich with memorabilia and places celebrated in his poems. Dotted with golf courses, sand dunes, ruined castles and warmed by the Gulf Stream, the area is sometimes called the Golf Coast. Between hotel and sea lie two great Scottish golf links, the Arran and the world-famous Ailsa.

As we drove slowly up the steep, winding drive to the hotel and turned a corner, we found that the white facade was matched in elegance by the rear, a legacy from the period when ladies and gentlemen would step down from trains with "dining-cars for golfers" and proceed through the covered walkway that connected Turnberry station with Turnberry Hotel. Now only a solitary flight of stone steps leading nowhere still lingers as a reminder of a railway station that disappeared almost 60 years ago.

When the hotel opened in 1906, it was considered the height of luxury, with electric lifts and suites of bathrooms with plunge pools and showers for golfers. That sense of luxury remains and Turnberry is still essentially a golfer's hotel. The facilities are superb. As well as the two links, there is a pitch-and-putt course and a new clubhouse, opened last year in preparation for this year's Open Championship at Turnberry. Forget about a holiday at Turnberry during the Open. All the hotel's rooms were prebooked for the week more than four years ago.

Yet, as we discovered, there is life beyond golf at Turnberry. Within minutes of arriving, our two children had located the leisure centre. Connoisseurs of swimming pools, they observed the underwater music and lighting, tested the temperature and admired the waterfall. High marks were awarded.

The state-of-the-art spa complex is housed in a separate building from the main hotel. The atmosphere is more informal, the food lighter and directed at the health conscious. It would be possible to stay at the spa, choose a health and fitness, anti-stress, luxury pampering or hydrotherapy programme, and never feel the need to touch a golf club.

Or you can choose the best of both worlds. While a patient coach tutored the rest of my family in the art of connecting golf club and ball, I opted for a 90-minute "Ultimate Pampering Facial" at the spa and felt wonderful after having my skin stroked, smoothed and oiled to the strains of Mozart.

If The Balmoral was lively and cosmopolitan, we felt that the atmosphere at Turnberry was one of gentility. It is still quintessentially Scottish. Accents are soft and guests wear clothes with a hint of tweed, smart but understated.

Most bedrooms, dining-rooms and lounges have breathtaking views of the sea with Ailsa Craig and the Isle of Arran etched on the horizon. The sunsets are dramatic. The service at Turnberry is gracious and the food deserves a special mention. Memory of one particular dish still lingers — tender Highland venison mignons gently cooked in olive oil, butter and fresh thyme then coated with a red wine and pepper sauce and served with a sweet purée of parsnips.

There is no longer a rail link to Turnberry, but the drive to Glasgow station took little over an hour. The return journey by Motorail was made during daylight hours and although the food was indifferent and not up to the standards to which we had become accustomed, the scenery was pleasant and we actually arrived back at Euston 15 minutes ahead of schedule.

SARA DRIVER

Golfing in Kenya has its natural handicaps

Never mind the birdie, watch out for the monkey

The four of us walked down the 14th fairway. To our right was a valley where a river had once raced. Ahead of us, in front of the green, was a ravine over which we had hit our approach shots. We were talking about this and that when a caddie shouted something in Swahili and started running. A monkey had picked up one of our golf balls.

The caddie shouted again, the monkey dropped the ball, ran off a little way, sat on a fence near the edge of the green and watched us as we holed out. Were we making a monkey of him, or he of us, or didn't he give a monkey's?

Golf in Kenya is not like golf in Florida, Spain or Portugal, the traditional destinations for northern Europeans wanting an autumn or spring golfing break. Come to that, it's not like golf in Britain. There are not many wildebeest at Worplesdon.

The first courses in Kenya were built at the start of the century. Now there are 35, spreading westwards from the Indian Ocean to the Rift Valley, the greatest concentration being around Nairobi. Muthaiga golf club, where the Kenya Open is held each year, is one of the oldest; the Windsor Golf and Country Club, ten miles north of Nairobi, opened in January 1992.

One hundred years ago, the Nairobi area was a swamp. The Masai tribesmen called it *Enkare Nairobi*, meaning "Place of cool waters". Little has changed. At almost 6,000ft, Nairobi is rarely hotter than 80F, rarely cooler than 70F. This is an ideal golfing temperature, though the sun can unexpectedly fierce because the city is less than 100 miles south of the equator.

Tom Macauley, an Irishman, designed the golf course at Windsor, carving it out of a forest on a coffee plantation. I hit a ball from the 13th tee into the plantation. "From tee to coffee," murmured my partner, somewhat ungraciously.

As well as having the longest hole in Africa, 637 yards, the course has two of the most severely contoured greens, the sixth and the seventh. Greens like these were reminiscent of those at Augusta National, the site of the US Masters, where they are described as looking like elephants' burial grounds. Avoid the monkeys, conquer that par five, try not to three-putt the seventh and eighth greens, miss the ravine on the 14th, and you're still not out of the woods. Almost every hole bends to the right. Was Macauley a slicer by any chance?

Muthaiga and Windsor do not frighten the intermediate golfer. Muthaiga was built before penal golf courses became fashionable. And the point about Windsor is that the carries are not too intimidating or the fairways too narrow. If the undulations on one or two of the greens are severe, the beauty of the scenery will help to take your eye off that aspect of the course.

Golf in Kenya is a reminder of a time when on all courses caddies were plentiful and cheap and walking was encouraged. The reading room at the Muthaiga Club has the solemnity of a cathedral. Its

City of music and clean money

In Warsaw, concerts are cheap and Russian caviare is on sale in the market. At last, the burden of history is lifting

The guides at Warsaw royal palaces would like you to march left, right, left, right, with the occasional halt for a rapid recital of facts. Unfortunately, the authorities insist on visitors wearing soft slippers over their shoes, which means that many adults revert to childhood and slither about the place, polishing the floors.

"My group — here, now," the guide at the Royal Castle kept barking. Her equivalent at the Wilanów Palace demanded brusquely within five minutes of starting the tour, "do you want to see this palace or not?"

That aside, it is hard not to be impressed by the pride with which the Poles recite their history. It is not a difficult story to get to know — they leave out everything they dislike, particularly the hard years since 1945.

There are so many royal names ending with "ski" that guided tours become confusing. To make things easier, the necessary background reading is the Battle of Vienna in 1683, the 18th century and the Second World War.

Reminders of that last conflict are all around. Most of Warsaw was destroyed, so much of what you see in the city centre is a replica of what stood before the Germans invaded in 1939. The one thing that was not rebuilt was the Jewish ghetto. There is a wall commemorating the people who died, but the place is now just a series of drab post-war blocks of flats.

Although the scale of the reconstruction is impressive, after a long walk around the streets you begin to wish for a something a little more modern and frivolous. The only real skyscraper is the Palace of Culture & Science, donated by the Soviet leader Stalin. The Poles weren't keen on him and the guide suggested that Warsaw's best view is from the top of this startlingly out-of-place structure, because then it is out of sight. With the new, freer government, the pattern of life is changing, of course. You can only marvel at the number of Guerlain and Estee Lauder shops, pizza emporiums, sex shops and all things American — the Coca-Cola advertisements and car showrooms. Even the bus company is called the "transit authority", in the American style.

Our group travelled to Warsaw on a weekend when the sun shone brilliantly on the snow and the temperature ranged between 21F/-6C and 14F/-10C. Unfortunately, I became ill on the first night and so am unable to relate any details about eating in what is said to be the best restaurant in the city, the Belvedere in Lazienki Park. The rest of the party enthused about their meal and said it is possible to have a wonderful meal there for about £25 a head.

I also missed the evening's Chopin concert, but did manage to stamp my feet in the snow at Lazienki Park where Chopin concerts are held every Sunday from May to September at noon and 4pm.

Next door to the park is the presidential office of Lech Walesa. The tour guide said there was little chance of him coming out and saying "hello" as the populace is slightly less friendly towards him these days.

A benefit the former communist government provided, and which sees no sign of being withdrawn, is the generous subsidy given to "culture". Seat prices for the opera, ballet and concerts are extraordinarily cheap. The opera season runs from November to Easter and tickets cost between £3 and £5. The ballet and musical evenings are priced about the same.

If you are making your first visit to this once totalitarian state, do visit the state shops of Sawa and Junior on the main shopping street, Marszalkowska. Their antediluvian views on marketing — take it or leave it — are astounding. To shop for foodstuffs is to revisit the bleak days of 1950s Britain. I bought some sausage and found the local shoppers very helpful, as many speak good BBC English.

For real free-market trading, the Russian market, which is open every day at the *stadion dziesieciolecia*, is the place to be. Russian would-be entrepreneurs travel over the border each day to sell fur coats, amber, boots, caviare, clothes, tapes ...

The visitor can pay for many things with the ubiquitous US dollar (warning: carry only new and clean notes, because the shop-keepers and traders are paranoid about counterfeit notes), but some things have to be paid for with the Polish zloty. The authorities are really rather cute about this. You cannot get Polish currency from the banks in Britain. And, according to the guide books, you must not take it out of Poland when you leave.

There is no *bureau de change* at Warsaw's airport. There is, however, a huge collecting box for donations to Polish children. Once you have paid for your kosher export vodka at the practically non-existent duty-free shop, the best place for your excess zlotys is probably the box.

CLARE HOGAN

See far right for fact box

On the right rails

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The challenging Windsor Golf and Country Club course near Nairobi has one of Africa's longest holes, 637 yards

daily English newspapers are bound in a wooden frame. Books such as *Who's Who 1984*, *Etiquette* by Emily Post and *Birds of Central and East Africa* adorn a bookshelf.

For a few days it was easy to live the life of an expatriate. I dressed in shorts and long stockings, said *Jambo* (Hello) to everyone I met and spread myself in my room. It was as big as a green on the Old Course at St Andrews, with a bath the size of a Trent Jones tee. But going to Kenya just to play golf is like going to Venice just to see the canals: there is so much else, and soon it was time to make a 40-minute flight to Kichwa Tembo ("Elephant's Head"), a tented camp in the Masai Mara game reserve. Camp is hardly the correct word, suggesting as it does Butlins or Baden-Powell. Each tent has electric light, scalding water, a sewage system and shower. At night, staff placed hot water bottles in each bed.

Twice within 24 hours we left Kichwa Tembo in Land Rovers for the game reserve, our eyes peeled, cameras at the ready. We were not disappointed. We saw thousands of wildebeest, stupid-looking animals said to have been built by God late on a Saturday.

One night, dinner was served in a tent beneath a starry velvet sky. A bonfire burned nearby and guards were posted for our protection. Soon after dawn, I stood on the edge of the Olololo escarpment looking out towards Tanzania and the vast Serengeti plain. Beneath me, birds soared and swooped languidly. Behind me, chefs in white linen uniforms prepared a full English breakfast.

By then I had outstared a giraffe, admired a sleeping lion and lionesss, and fled from the path of an elephant. We watched hippos wallowing in muddy brown water and warthogs getting down on their knees to graze. One forgot that this was a golfing holiday. A 2ft downhill putt at Highgate, my golf club in north London, will not be quite the same after this.

JOHN HOPKINS

● *John Hopkins flew courtesy of British Airways Holidays (0293 611311), which offers seven-night packages at Windsor Golf and Country Club and excursions to Kichwa Tembo and Siana Springs safari lodges, from £715 per person a week, including green fees.*

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Impala are among the many beautiful creatures to be seen on safari in Kenya

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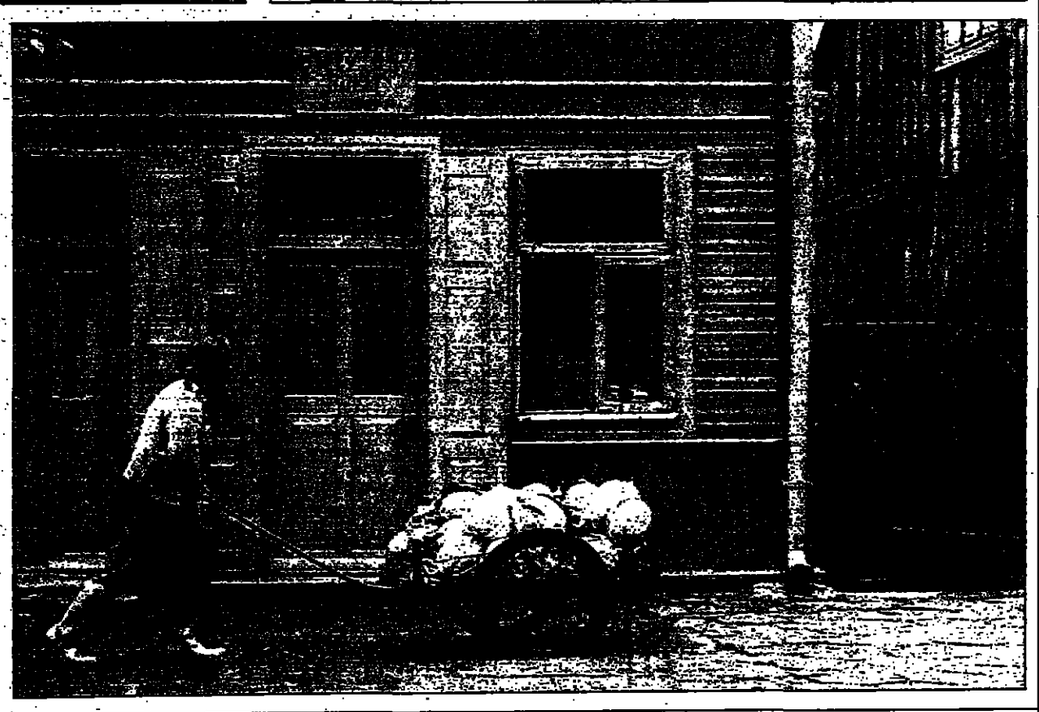


Above: Though the city's palaces are eye-catching, the concert halls thriving, downtown Warsaw still looks rather glum

Top right: Food seems to be plentiful in the markets, but the traders, like the big store owners, have yet to learn about the hard sell

Right: For many, the old methods of going about one's daily business still persist

Below: a handful of zlotys



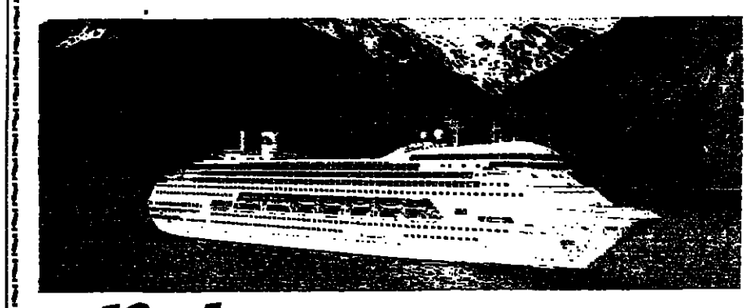


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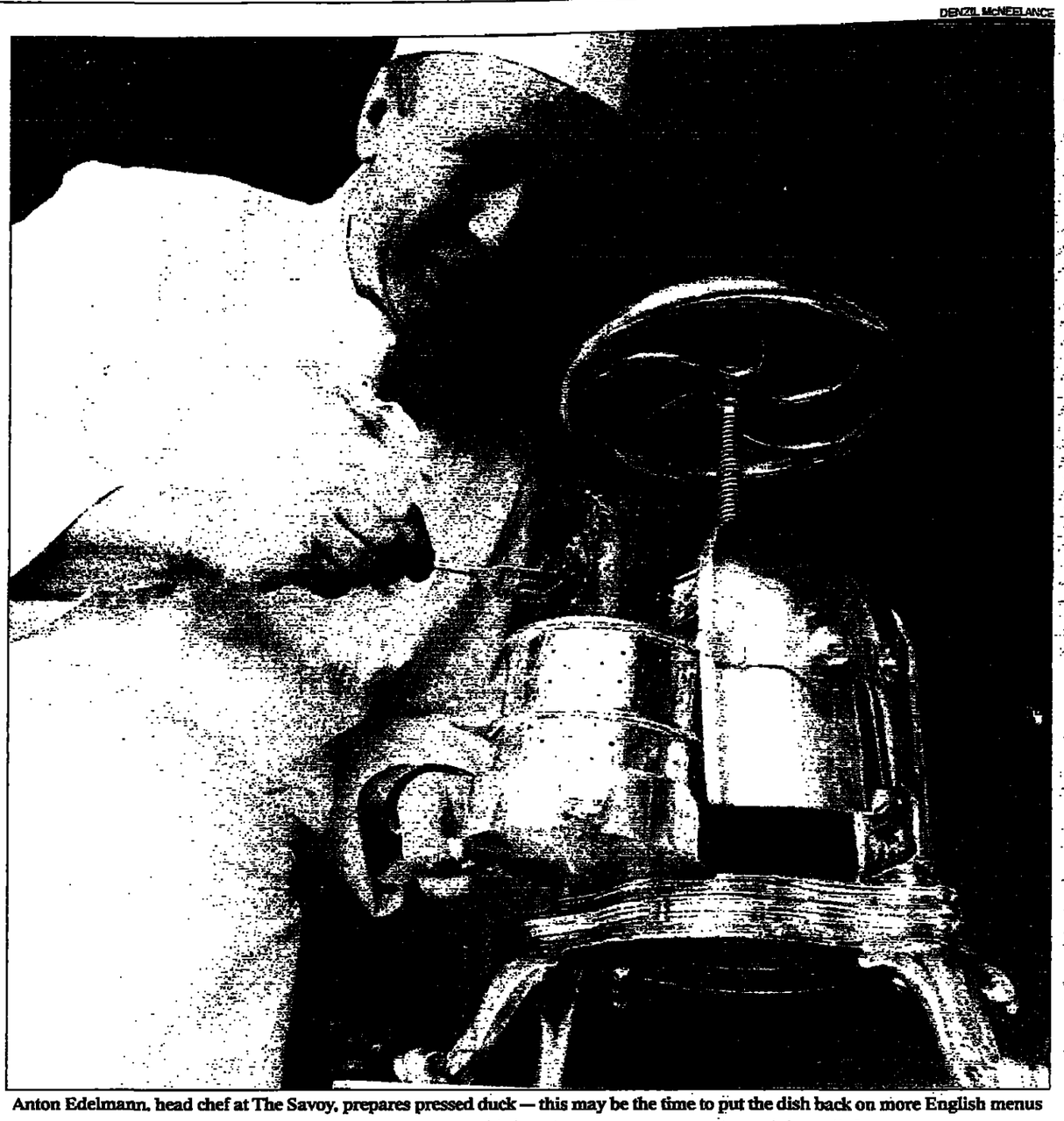
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One of the most carnal of dishes is enjoying a revival — find out how it is cooked and where you can eat it

Pressing matters with ducks


DENZIL McNEELANCE

Anton Edelmann, head chef at The Savoy, prepares pressed duck — this may be the time to put the dish back on more English menus

The fires of hell, the French call them: those flaming mustard-coated thighs of duck flambéd at the table to become the bloody *Canard à la Rouennaise*. This is the dish in which, with great ceremony, the waiter displays the young duck's lightly roasted pink and golden body to the customer and deftly removes the legs and breast from *the carcass. The carcass is then* thrust into a cylindrical silver press and crushed until the blood runs from its spout into the rich, dark duck liver sauce in which the meat is further cooked.

"A restaurant," says Derek Renouf, who has been pressing duck since he opened Hotel Renouf in Rochford, Essex, 16 years ago, "is a theatre, and pressed duck is one of its finest shows." There are hundreds of recipes and many preparations: some restaurants in Normandy roast the bird in the dining-room; some use giant presses which squeeze several birds at once; not everyoe — Mr Renouf included — flambés the dish.

It is one of the most carnal dishes you can eat, that peppery, duck's livery sauce, enriched with wines and thickened with blood, then poured over crunchy legs and soft, succulent breast. Pressed duck nearly died out in England — the Connaught has not done it for more than 30 years. Tastes had changed, and time was money: pressing and serving can take 15 minutes. Through the years of nouvelle cuisine, perhaps only Renouf's stood by the dish, serving about 1,000 ducks a year.

Recently, though, chefs have been rummaging for their predecessor's presses — Mr Renouf spied one on a windowsill holding a flower pot. Rather an expensive pot holder: they can cost thousands of pounds. Now Claridge's puts the dish on its *menu de jour*, adding foie gras for luxury; the Tudor Cottage, Maidenhead, presses wild duck, woodcock and teal on its autumn speciality menu; the Inter-Continental does it now and again; at the Savoy, where wild duck is used, it is available on request during the hunting season.

Eric De-Blonde, executive chef at the Four Seasons Hotel in London, is president of the British branch of the L'Orde des Canardiers, which had its inaugural dinner at Renouf's last year. He believes that, with chefs rediscovering their culinary roots and waiters demanding to be more than plate boys, it is time to put the dish back on English menus. "Obviously it wsn't suited to nouvelle cuisine and plated food. But some restaurants are going back to carving at the table and providing more of a show for the customer." John Williams, *chef de cuisine* at Claridge's, adds: "Escoffier said it was the perfect harmony between *restaurant* and kitchen."

The dish is made in 25 towns and villages in Normandy. "I'm told its birthplace was the Hôtel de la Poste in Duclair, near Rouen, in the 16th or 17th century," said Peter Kronberg, executive chef at the Inter-Continental, who uses Calvados and cider to remind it of its origins.

Then, around 1890, the great Frederic, *maître d'* then manager of the grand Parisian restaurant, Le Tour d'Argent, had a stroke of genius (which Renouf copied). He gave every diner a numbered certificate using a ticket attached to the duck. Famous guests were asked to sign a book, next to the duck's number. In 1948 the then Princess Elizabeth ate duck number 185,387.

Each October, hundreds of pressed-duck lovers from all over the world gather in Rouen to celebrate the dish and welcome new members into L'Orde des Canardiers. The traditional victim is a black-feathered Rouen duck, a cross between wild and domesticated fowl and hard to get in England. The French used to smother it, and today quickly strangle it to conserve the blood. English law forbids this, and the method used here means that ducks retain less blood and the meat is less rich.

Mr Renouf, whose family connections with Normandy began when a Viking warrior landed there to help his chief carry off a royal wife, uses Aylesbury ducks. He makes the dish because he enjoys it and because it draws the customers. "People come back for it again and again. It appeals particularly to the Spanish," he says.

There is something barbaric about the dish — in the way Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi* is barbaric. It lets you see whether there is blood-lust in your heart. Anyone who likes meat rare should "fight to get a ticket".

BARBARA MCSWEENEY

> The duck carcass is thrust into a silver press and crushed until the blood runs

PRESSED DUCK

ANTON Edelmann, head chef at The Savoy, enjoys the drama of cooking pressed duck in the restaurant at the table, with the aid of The Savoy's imposing duck press which is over 100 years old. He uses only wild duck and a delicious array of ingredients for his *Canard Rôti à la Presse* (for two), which is available during the hunting season.

Canard Rôti à la Presse

- 1 wild duck
- 1tsp onions, finely chopped
- 1tbsp vegetable oil
- 100g unsalted butter
- ¼ clove of garlic, finely chopped
- 60g fresh white breadcrumbs
- 1tsp finely chopped parsley
- 1tsp English mustard
- 50ml port
- 50ml red wine
- 70g duck liver, minced
- pinch of paprika
- ½ lemon

Season duck with salt and pepper and roast in oven until rare (15 mins). Take off the legs, rest the breast for ten minutes in a warm place. Return the legs to the oven and roast until very well done. Sweat onions in a little oil and butter until translucent. Add the garlic and sweat for a further minute. Add breadcrumbs and chopped parsley and season with salt and pepper. Brush the legs lightly with English mustard and top with bread mixture, then crisp under the grill. Reduce the port and red wine by half and cool until lukewarm. Place the liver in a cold pan, add the remaining butter and paprika. Finely grate a little lemon peel on it. Warm the liver gently and then add the alcohol, heat but do not boil. Season. Slice the breasts thinly and add to the sauce. Shake the pan continuously. Place the duck bones in the duck press and squeeze the juices into the sauce. Squeeze in a drop of lemon juice, adjust seasoning. Serve the sliced breast and sauce and, when eaten, serve the legs with a little green salad.

DISH OF THE DAY

Chef: Alex Floyd, 26.

Born: Dumbarton.

Restaurant: Leith's, 92 Kensington Park Road, London W11 2PN (071-229 4481).

Present: In addition to running the kitchens at Leith's, his sessions at Leith's School of Food and Wine have made him its most popular guest chef.

Past: Brought up in Argyll, he wanted to be a gamekeeper, but came to catering through holiday jobs. After qualifying at Clydebank College, he spent two years at the Royal Garden Hotel in London before becoming Prue Leith's *chef de partie*. Promoted head chef in 1990.

Future: Wants his own restaurant by the time he is 30, with his Brazilian wife, Beatrice, as manager.



Personal: "I regularly go shooting on an estate in Essex."

Dish: Pot-roasted breast of pheasant filled with a creamy leek mousseline and served with a bread charlotte of wild mushrooms, £18.95.

ROBIN YOUNG

RESTAURANT WATCH

Latest news on eating out

BACK TO HEALTH
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HORNING IN
St Olave's Court Hotel
Mary Arches Street, Exeter, Devon (0392 217736)
The new head chef is Jason Horn, recruited from Sheen Falls Lodge, in Kenmare, Co Kerry. He is assisted by a new *pâtisserie* chef, Joss Davies, from Hunstrete House, near Bath. The average spend on food is £22 a head. Lunch Mon-Fri, noon-2.30pm; dinner 6.30-9.30pm, every day.

VARIED MEDLEY
Buckland-Tout-Saints Hotel
Goveton, Kingsbridge, Devon (0548 853055)
The new head chef here is Jeremy Medley, formerly sous-chef at Ston Easton, Somerset; his sous-chef is Philip Figg, who arrives via the Connaught, Claridge's and Corney & Barrow restaurants. The £14.50 lunch and £25 dinner menus are supplemented with a daily *plat du jour*. Open 12.30-1.45pm and 7.30-9.30pm, seven days a week.

REGAL FARE
The Royal Bombay Chef
6-8 May's Court, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-240 6263)
Kuldeep Makhni, fourth generation in a family of master-chefs, owner of the Manjit-da-dhaba chain in India, and formerly personal chef to the King of Nepal, has just opened this restaurant. Comments in the visitors' book are adulatory. Reckon on about £20 a head. Fixed lunch menu: £7.50. Open daily noon-2.45pm and 5.30-11.30pm.

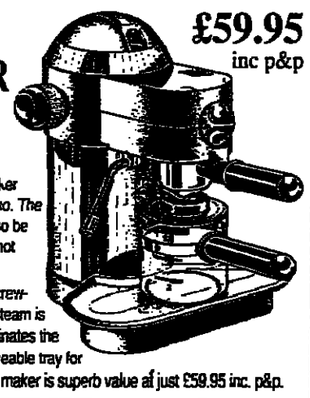
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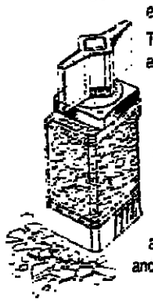
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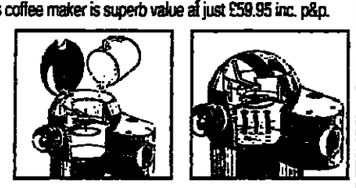
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Beat the winter blues on a budget

Jane MacQuitty offers a selection of wines that won't break the bank

Bad weather, new year bills and January blues make this a depressing time of year for everyone. But, even if you and yours are broke, there is no need to give up on wine. To help us all over the New Year hurdle, I have selected a baker's dozen of budget bottles that will keep you solvent.

Best and rarest of all budget bottles can be those under £2. So far, 1994 has provided only two worth drinking: that splendid Spanish Le St Cricq duo from Majestic Wine Warehouses, I first recommended last November. The white '92 Blanc de Blancs from La Mancha, with its perfumed, fruity, lemony style, is marginally less impressive than the juicy, dusky berry fruit of the red. Both are £1.99.

Muscadet is still Britain's best-selling French white wine and, now that the dire 1991 Loire vintage has been and gone, worth drinking again. Sainsbury's own-label version is the cheapest and best and the cost of this elegant, fresh, nutty white is down 46p to £2.49 until February 20.

Also on offer at Sainsbury's and down 50p to £2.49 until February 27, are its stylish Portuguese pair, Do Campo Branco and Tinto, made by Peter Bright, the Australian-born Portuguese wine supremo. The sherberty, flowery white is better than the chunky red, but I would be happy to keep New Year blues at bay with either.

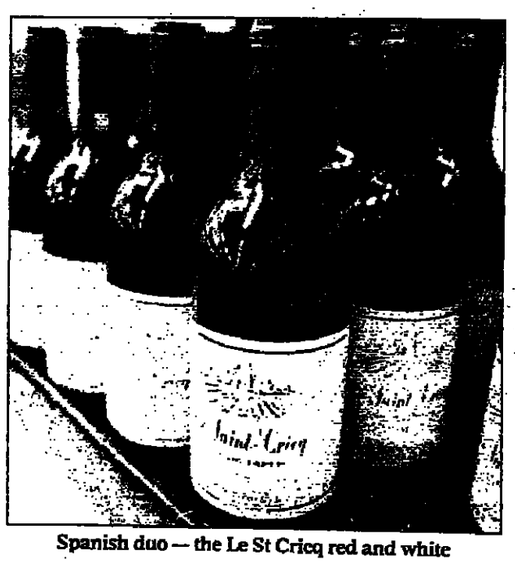
Cheap and cheerful Bulgarian wines have been on offer for the past two decades, yet it is hard to resist the low price and wide availability of white winners such as the Bulgarian Country Wine Slaviantzi Muskat and Ugni Blanc, whose ripe, musky, grapey, raisiny fruit has wide appeal. (Asda £2.49, Victoria Wine £2.99, Waitrose and Majestic £2.69, Davisons £2.89). Its red wine partner has the plum and *damson fruit of the Bulgarian* Country Wine Sliven Merlot and Pinot Noir (Gateway £2.65, Victoria Wine £2.99).

Wine boxes can perform a useful role, though few are worth drinking. A happy exception is McWilliam's Hillside two-litre box, which is the equivalent of a £3.19 bottle price. Grapes for this red and white couple come from Australia's cheap, hot, irrigated Riverina district. The white is fresh and offers lots of flowery, sherberty, Colombard-Chardonnay fruit; the red, a Shiraz-Cabernet blend delivers sufficient earthy, spicy, shiraz style backed up by a dollop of superior, more blackcurranty cabernet flavours (Oddbins £8.75, Davison £8.99, Waitrose £8.85).

Year round, good, cheap red wines are easier to find than whites. The present treats include the 1989 Serradayres red from Portugal's Carvalho, Ribeiro & Ferreira producers. Priced at £2.99, Majestic wine sold thousands of cases of this over Christmas but 300 more cases have arrived this week to ease us into 1994. I adored its glorious sweet, spicy, cinnamon and chestnut-scented fruit.

Not too dissimilar in flavour, but nowhere near as stylish, is Arruda (Sainsbury's £2.79), again a Portuguese red, but this time made by a co-operative of the same name. Arruda's chunky plum and cinnamon spice makes a good, inexpensive January red, though the latest bottling does have a slightly murky quality on the nose that drinkers will need to ignore. Arruda makes a good mulled wine base, too.

Tesco still has its drearily labelled but delicious non-vintage Côtes du Rhône red on sale at £2.95. Its vibrant blackberry and blackcurrant fruit will cheer up hearty winter dishes. Waitrose is still selling its excellent Good Ordinary Claret at £2.99, and its vigorous herbaceous cassis fruit will win many compliments.



Spanish duo — the Le St Cricq red and white

BEST BUYS

- **Le St Cricq Spanish white and red:** *Majestic Wine Warehouses £1.99.*
- **1989 Serradayres Portuguese red, Carvalho, Ribeiro & Ferreira:** *Majestic £2.99.*
- **Muscadet Sèvre et Maine, French white:** *Sainsbury's, down 46p to £2.49 until Feb 20.*
- **Do Campo Branco and Tinto, Portuguese white and red:** *Sainsbury's, down 50p to £2.49 until Feb 27.*
- **Bulgarian Country Wine white, Slaviantzi Muskat and Ugni Blanc:** *Asda £2.49, Victoria Wine £2.99, Waitrose and Majestic £2.69, Davisons £2.89, Augustus Barnett £2.99.*
- **Bulgarian Country Wine red, Sliven Merlot and Pinot Noir:** *Gateway £2.65, Victoria Wine £2.99*
- **McWilliam's Hillside Colombard-Chardonnay and Shiraz-Cabernet** in 2-litre boxes: *Oddbins £8.75, Davisons £8.99, Waitrose £8.85.*
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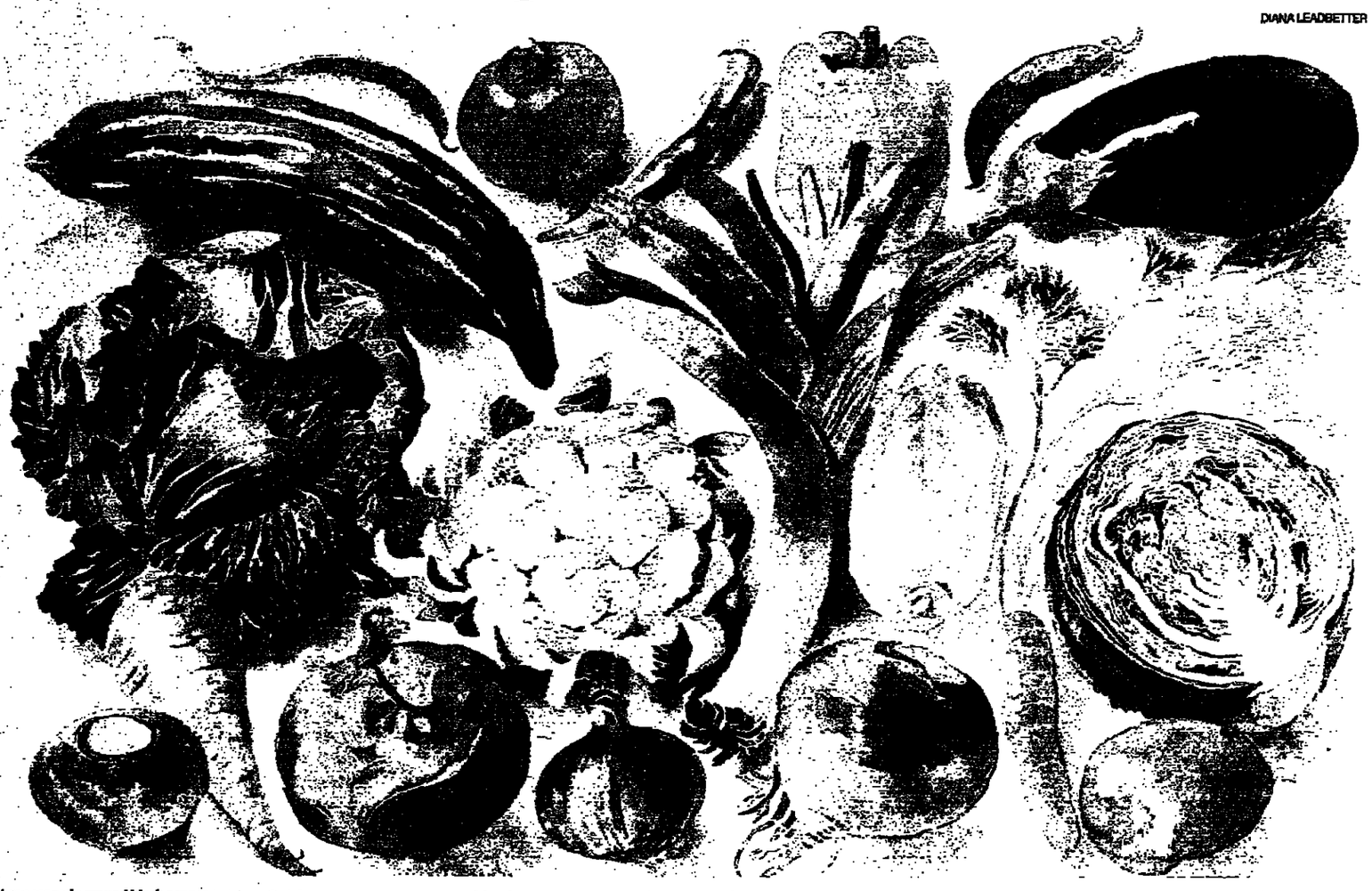
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Reds, yellows and greens for health

Frances Bissell with tasty ideas for making the most of vegetables

DIANA LEADBETTER



Greens are good for you; so are yellows, reds and oranges in the vegetable world. And, if the health experts, growers, importers and marketers have their way, vegetables will be top of everyone's menu list this year.

We can expect to hear more in 1994 about food that is good for us instead of constantly being bidden not to eat certain foods. This makes sense; if we eat plenty of vegetables and fruit we shall feel too full to snack on cakes, biscuits and sweets, or to want large quantities of meat, cheese, rich sauces and puddings.

We are recommended to eat five to 11 portions of fruit and vegetables a day. It sounds a lot but is easily reached. The following provides eight portions: half a grapefruit or a plate of grilled mushrooms for breakfast; an apple or a glass of orange juice mid morning; a bowl of vegetable soup and a piece of fruit for lunch; and for dinner, a tomato salad, a serving of potatoes and one of carrots or broccoli, and a poached pear.

Vegetables are not often the focus of this column, because the best and most nutritious way to serve them is raw, which does not need recipes. Next best is to serve them simply and quickly cooked, steamed or stir-fried to retain flavour, colour, texture and nutrients.

Today's suggestions and recipes provide the basis for extending your vegetable repertoire to the point that you will often want to serve vegetables as a separate course, rather than as an accompaniment, or use them as the main element of the dish with meat, cheese or fish.

When choosing wine to accompany vegetable dishes, be guided by any other flavourings or accompaniments. For example, if serving a potato and smoked fish dish, choose a wine to partner the more dominant smoked fish, such as a young, fruity Alsace wine. A fairly full, robust but not too tannic red wine will go with the sausages and root vegetables. With their inherent sweetness, vegetables do not partner very dry, astringent white wines well. Some of the more fragrant Alsace varietals, such as Muscat, Pinot Gris and Gewürztraminer are good with vegetables, as are flowery whites from the Loire.



RAW VEGETABLE JUICES

One way to increase intake of raw vegetables without the bulk is to make vegetable juices. Here are three of my favourites. Each recipe will give 7-10fl oz/200-280ml juice. Use a blender, attachment to a food processor, or a juicer.

Terracotta

3 ripe tomatoes
3 scrubbed carrots
½ sweet red pepper, seeded
½ Bramley apple
2 or 3 leafy celery tops

Red harvest

3 ripe tomatoes
3 scrubbed carrots
¼ red pepper, seeded
1 or 2 beetroots
a handful of rocket, or watercress leaves

Sunburst

½ yellow pepper, seeded
4 carrots
3 ripe tomatoes
half a peeled, stoned mango
juice of half a lemon

SALADS

My favourite crisp, cold vegetable salad involves a fairly lengthy preparation for cucumber, and it is worth doing two or three cucumbers at a time, as they keep for a few days in the refrigerator and can be used to make an excellent stir-fry to accompany chicken or fish. It is a delicate salad that can be given an Italian or oriental flavour, depending on the oils, vinegars and seasonings used. I usually use carrot as the other main vegetable, but you can also use daikon (mooli or white radish), kohl rabi and jicama (yam bean), which are all crisp root vegetables.

Oriental cucumber and carrot salad

(serves 4, plus leftovers)

3 cucumbers
2-3tsp sea salt
6 medium carrots, scrubbed
1in/2.5cm piece fresh ginger
1 or 2 lemon-grass stalks
grated zest of a lime and 1-2tbsp juice
½ tsp sugar
½ tsp coarsely ground black pepper
2tsp soy sauce
1tbsp toasted sesame oil
2tbsp crushed roasted peanuts

Halve the cucumbers, discard the watery core and thinly slice. Put in a colander, sprinkle with sea salt and leave to drain for at least an hour and up to four hours. Rinse and dry thoroughly in a clean towel. The cucumber will be soft and wilted but have a good flavour and crisp texture. Make juice with two of the carrots, the ginger and lemon-grass. Stir in lime zest, juice, sugar, pepper, soy sauce and sesame oil. Heap the carrot on to plates with the cucumber around it. Pour the dressing over the carrots, and scatter the peanuts over the salad.

At this time of year I like to make a red coleslaw, using red cabbage, red onions, beetroot and dried cranberries or cherries. Raisins or currants can be substituted. Make a large bowlful of this with the dressing of your choice and serve it with marinated herring pieces.

BRAISED VEGETABLES

Some vegetables taste as good cooked as raw, and take on new flavours, but it is important to choose the right method. Celery, fennel and chicory can be steamed, stir-fried or served raw, but I particularly like them braised in the oven with a little stock, wine or meat juices. If I have a roast or casserole in the oven, then a dish of braised vegetables will often be served first, sometimes finished off at the last moment with a crisp golden topping of grated cheese, breadcrumbs and/or nuts.

CABBAGE PARCELS

Use leftovers from the Sunday roast, from a ham, or nut mix with rice, couscous or other grains, herbs and seasoning to taste. Take the outer leaves of a Savoy cabbage for the wrappers and blanch them. Shred the inner leaves and cook until tender, and mix with the rest of the stuffing. One or two soaked, dried ceps, finely chopped, will add a good flavour, or try it with dried tomatoes.

Remove the tough part of the central rib from each cabbage leaf, and overlap the two halves. Spoon on the filling and roll the leaf into a neat parcel. Place in an oiled, oven-proof dish and, when full, sprinkle with extra virgin olive oil, wine or stock and bake for about 35 minutes at 180C/350F, gas mark 4.

BAKED AND ROASTED VEGETABLES

Unless using an open fire, baking is the more correct term for anything cooked in an enclosed oven. But we still refer to roast beef and roast potatoes, so here, by extension, are roast vegetables. However, the method of cooking quite removes them from the category of potatoes cooked around the joint and absorbing fat from it. This is a dish to try when you have the oven on for cooking a pot-roast bird, as these vegetables are marvellous with chicken. Root vegetables contain a good deal of starch, which in cooking turns to sugar. When a high heat is applied to cut surfaces they turn brown, caramelise, and seal to a crispness. Half an onion, browned and caramelised in the oven, or under the grill, gives an excellent dark colour to stock for casseroles, sauces and French onion soup.

At this time of the year I use celeriac, parsnips, thick carrots, potatoes, swedes, turnips and sweet potatoes. Apart from the potatoes, I peel the vegetables and brush the baking dish with olive oil. The vegetables should be cut into wedges, giving larger surface area to caramelise. Cook them for about an hour at 180-200C/350-400F, gas mark 4-6. Sweet potatoes should be added about half way through cooking, as they have a softer flesh.

The next recipe, an inexpensive and easy supper dish, can be started off on top of the stove and finished in the oven. Use a frying pan or oval gratin dish that can go into the oven.

Root vegetable hash with sausages

(serves 4)

1 celeriac
1 swede
2 turnips
2 medium potatoes
2 parsnips
1 onion
2-3tbsp extra virgin olive oil
4 sausages
2 bay leaves or sage leaves
freshly ground black pepper
4 free-range eggs (optional)

Peel and dice the vegetables to ½in/1cm. Peel and chop the onion, and brown it in olive oil before adding the rest of the vegetables. When they are well-coated in oil, add the sausages, either whole, cut, or twisted into two or three, or removed from the skin and shaped into patties. Arrange on top of the vegetables and bake for 30-40 minutes at 180-200C/350-400F, gas mark 4-6. Stir the vegetables occasionally to stop them sticking. If liked, you can, five to ten minutes before serving, make depressions in the vegetables, and slide in four shelled eggs before returning the pan to the oven to bake the eggs.

Taste of Japan in the raw

British palates are developing a yen for the most Japanese of delicacies

DENZIL McFEELANCE



A young customer ponders the flavour at Sushi Gen in Fulham, west London

The revival in custom among the City's sushi bars has been hailed as a sign that the recession is over. While belts were being conspicuously tightened, it was rather bad form to have anything flashier than a Marks & Spencer prawn and avocado sandwich at your desk. Now it is perfectly okay to blow £20 on an artfully constructed plate of *nigiri*.

But it is not just in the City that sushi is in fashion. All over London, from the fast-food kiosk at Piccadilly Underground station to the padded comfort of West End hotels, from Covent Garden cafés to the new Yaohan Plaza Japanese shopping mall and supermarket in north London, sushi suddenly seems to be everywhere. Even Simpson's in Piccadilly has a sushi bar.

Sushi is a combination of sticky-textured vinegared rice and a topping or filling, most commonly raw fish. There are two main kinds — *nigiri-zushi*, in which the rice is pressed into a bite-sized oblong shape, given a dab of *wasabi*, a hot green mustardy paste, and then topped with fish or shellfish, and *maki-zushi*, where rice and other ingredients such as cucumber or tuna are rolled together in a thin sheet of dried seaweed. You generally order a combination.

The Japanese, understandably, prefer to talk of fresh rather than raw fish. "People can be a little bit nervous of sushi," says Yumiko Fujii, who runs the Japanese restaurant and sushi bar, Yumi, in George Street, central London. "We don't talk about raw fish; we say it is a very fresh, sliced piece of fish. It's a bit like steak tartare. You wouldn't describe that as raw meat, would you?"

The fish most commonly used in Britain are tuna, prawn and salmon, the latter not traditionally Japanese but easily obtainable and very acceptable to British palates. More expensive sushi bars offer a wider range, sometimes flown in from Japan. The City Miyame, for instance, regularly offers sea urchin, sea eel, turbot and sea bass.

The art of sushi, which in its current form dates from the early 19th century, is in the preparation and slicing of the fish, the preparation of the rice and the assembling of the two, performed, in any serious sushi bar, in front of the customer. (Cheaper bars may have machine-made sushi). The skills take years to acquire.

Eating sushi is almost as much of a performance as making it. To accompany your order you get a small bowl into which to put your soy sauce, and a few slices of pale pink *gari* or picked ginger. Also provided is a pair of wooden chopsticks with which you pick up each piece of sushi and dunk it in the soy sauce. It is actually very much easier to eat it with your fingers, which is fortunately perfectly acceptable to the Japanese.

The ginger traditionally performs the function of clearing your palate between one type of sushi and the next, although, according to Miss Fujii, we British tend to like to eat it at the same time. "You like a lot of soy sauce and a lot of ginger," she says.

Surprisingly, sushi is not strongly fishy — it is hottish, slightly sweet, with quite a clean, almost medicinal taste. You either love it or it leaves you cold.

The problem is that it can be an expensive exercise finding out which camp you fall into. Japanese restaurants are not cheap. "It's a case of supply and demand," says Lesley Downer, presenter of the recent television series *A Taste of Japan*. "Their main clientele is Japanese businessmen who think it is not cool to go somewhere cheap." Her advice is to go at lunchtime when there are good-value set-price menus.

An alternative is to try one of the newer wave, more informal, sushi bars where you are not going to feel embarrassed if you order just one dish. *Maki*, the rolled sushi, are slightly less unnerving than *nigiri*, as you can find them filled with cucumber or, in the case of a California *maki*, with crab and avocado or lettuce.

At Sushi Gen in West Hampstead, a single portion of *nigiri* costs between £1 and £1.40, a roll (six pieces) from £2.10 to £2.60, or a "trial sushi" meal £4.30. At the Japan Centre in Piccadilly, you can buy takeaway boxes of sushi from £3.80 to £8.80, while the new Yaohan Plaza in Colindale has a spectacular selection starting from £4.50.

But perhaps the safest bet of all is to go to Simpson's in Piccadilly, the only place in London, as they proudly proclaim, where you can eat roast beef and sushi at the same time. But preferably not in the same mouthful.

FIONA BECKETT

● *The Yaohan Plaza is at 399 Edgware Road, Colindale, London NW9; Yumi, 110 George Street, London W1 (071-935 8320); City Miyama, 17 Godliman Street, London EC4 (071-489 1937); Sushi Gen, 243 West End Lane, London NW6 (071-431 4031) and 585 Fulham Road, London SW6 (071-610 2120). The following out-of-town Japanese restaurants also offer sushi: Nippon Kan at the Old Thorns Hotel, Longmoor Road, Liphook, Hampshire (0428 724555); Fumi, 248 Durham Road, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear (091-477 1152); Ginza, 593-595 Mansfield Road, Nottingham (0602 591660); and Yumi, 10 Melville Place, Edinburgh (031-226 3576). Lesley Downer's* A Taste of Japan *(BBC Books, £15.99) has full instructions for making sushi.*

Spice of the bayou

Damp Louisiana boasts an exotic cuisine

LOUISIANA is like a banana republic. The climate is subtropical. Every day it rains. Hard. White rain pours through the palmetto groves and banana trees. Afterwards, the plants glisten like emeralds and wait for the sun, which always returns, like the corrupt politicians.

The region is also renowned for volatile spices. Peppers, red, green, black and white, are mixed with indigenous seafood such as oysters, crabs, crawfish and shrimp. To these are married onions, garlic and plump, red tomatoes, which also flourish in the river basins of South Louisiana. "It's the kind of food that makes you want to run in the kitchen and hug the cook," says Gene Bourg, restaurant critic for *The New Orleans Times-Picayune*.

Mr Bourg explains the distinction between creole cooking and its country cousin, cajun cooking — a source of bewilderment. "Cajun is rustic country cooking. Most cajun cooks use lard and charcuterie — blood sausages such as *boudin* (two types, *boudin noir*, which has pork blood and rice; and *boudin blanc*, which has leaner cuts of pork, rice, and occasionally, some innards such as tripe) and *andouille* (reddish in colour with varying levels of spices used to flavour; though not to be confused with the type found in France). They also use game such as venison, alligator and waterfowl.

"Creole cooks, however, use butter. Creole cooking has its origins in the French cooking of the 19th century."

Louisiana creoles are descended from the French, Spanish and Africans who were settlers and slaves. Louisiana cajuns, however, are descended from 4,000 Acadians, French settlers in Nova Scotia, Canada, who were forcibly transported by the British to Louisiana in 1755. Traces of Spanish and French still survive in local dialects.

The recipe below for jambalaya comes from a master of creole cooking, Leah Chase, 70, whose New Orleans restaurant, the Dooky Chase, has been serving creole food since the 1940s. Jambalaya is one of the better known rice dishes in America. Spanish settlers in New Orleans brought their recipe for paella. Without access to the usual ingredients, the recipe adapted itself to the region. Creole jambalaya is considered, in essence, ham with rice, while cajun jambalaya consists of sausages or seafood with rice.

JOSEPH DUMAS

CREOLE JAMBALAYA



(serves 6 to 8)

1lb smoked ham (cubed)
½lb chaurice (hot cut sausage)
½lb smoked sausage (cut up)
1 cup chopped onions
3 cups uncooked rice
¼ cup chopped green onions
½ tsp paprika
1tbsp chopped parsley
1tsp ground thyme
1tsp chopped garlic
½ cup chopped green pepper
1tsp salt
1 bay leaf
1lb prawns (peeled and deveined)
4 cups boiling water

Place ham, sausages and onions in three-quart saucepan. Cover and cook over medium heat until onions are soft. No need to add oil. Add rice and stir then add all other ingredients. Boil for five minutes. Lower heat. Cover pot tightly and cook slowly for 35 minutes or until rice is tender. With a fork, fluff up rice.



Whether you are getting married or choosing a wedding present, there are many companies only too willing to help

Stores queue up to catch the bride

IT IS part of the wedding ritual: the invitation arrives and the recipient makes the obligatory visit, or telephone call, to the store holding the bride's wedding list (as it is still called with little regard for political correctness) to select a gift.

But the big stores no longer have the market to themselves. Specialist companies have sprung up in London to conduct the whole gift operation. They suggest and buy products from a number of stores, provide updates on which guests have ordered what, wrap the presents and deliver the haul.

Nicole Hindmarch, who has opened The Wedding List Company shop in Walton Street, SW3, justifies her £200 fee: "We give brides an awful lot of help. We suggest alternative gifts from different shops and make sure they get the best value. We write to them each week with details of what has been bought, gift-wrap the presents and deliver."

Interestingly, she says that "a simple look" in china and glassware is in fashion. After all, straightforward styles should streamline choice, so why pay for the benefit of shopping with a stranger?

Brides with whacky requests, such as a JCB digger or his 'n' hers duelling water pistols (which have been ordered via Ms Hindmarch's company) may well need her advice. But surely even overstressed brides and grooms are capable of choosing the most requested items — leather photo albums, cafetieres and china underplates — by themselves?



Susie Corker (centre) and clients at Harrods' Bridal Registry



Choosing a bedding gift to add to the bride's list of presents

Not all wedding-list companies charge a flat fee for their services. The Wedding List Service will do all the choosing on behalf of the bride and groom free of charge. The company makes its money by buying items direct from manufacturers and charging couples full retail prices. The more expensive a gift, the bigger the margin, so it is not surprising that the company's showroom, which opened this month in Battersea, focuses on exclusive gifts, such as Irish-made Jerpoint glassware, at present only available at Heal's and David Mellor.

Colin Dachtler, a director, says: "Brides are going for luxury items they wouldn't be able to justify buying themselves." But is that because of the encouragement of companies like his that benefit from fatter lists?

"Brides are older and richer these days and they've become a lot more businesslike," says Susie Corker of Harrods' Bridal Registry, who reports that wedding lists have included £7,000 dinner services, a pair of polo ponies and a château to be bought through Harrods' estate agency.

Of course, it is in the interest of stores to keep the wedding list practice going. While ostensibly helping brides to avoid the two-toasters-no-towels problem, shops twigged long ago that one bride equals many sales, and fall over themselves to secure bridal lists.

Brides registering (free of charge) at Harrods receive a complementary Wedding Book, discounts on selected merchandise and free entry to a prize draw. In addition, a percentage of the list's total cost is donated to a Bridal Account for subsequent spending at the store. A list worth £1,500 attracts 5 per cent of its value rising to 10 per cent for lists worth £4,000. Once hooked, the theory goes, couples will continue to shop at Harrods long after the ceremony is a memory.

Like all rituals, the organised wedding list commands stereotypical behaviour from shops in terms of incentives and exchanges. As long as gifts have not already been delivered, brides can return after the honeymoon and swap auntie's crystal bowl for Le Creuset cookware (a marital favourite) or, as one bride did, a set of golf clubs. But the bride and groom are left with the problem of writing the thank-you letters after a gift has been swapped.

Thomas Goode, where the wedding list for Viscount Linley and Serena Stanhope was held, has recognised the profits that wedding-list companies are enjoying. It now allows brides to hold two lists: one for the Thomas Goode-only cornucopia and the other compiled of gifts from other stories. The company buys and stores the gifts from both lists until the delivery date.

"We have to treat brides with kid gloves," Saira Joshi says. "A lot are high-powered executives who go to pot when faced with yet another decision. Fortunately, most brides come alone; as couples often row."

Bribing the bride is par for the course, so Thomas Goode offers list-makers a bottle of champagne and other incentives, such as a day at a health spa. The store supplies a weekly update on gifts bought and 5 per cent of the list's value is credited to a Thomas Goode account for future spending. A couple's wedding list is intended to bind them to a store, foresaking all others, as surely as that plain gold band.

As for the lists themselves, these are now more likely to include Dualit toasters (£120) or Hamilton Beach Mixers (£70) — both the last word in retro chic — than cork screws. Divertimenti, the kitchen specialist, happily reports (well, it would, wouldn't it?) that brides are choosing more expensive items such as fish kettles and asparagus steamers in preference to cheaper every day goods.

Unlike John Lewis's bridal service, which is available only at stores in London and at High Wycombe, in Buckinghamshire, Marks & Spencer introduced a computerised wedding list at 35 stores nationwide last year, and has plans for another 35 by spring. Design-consciousness seems to have dribbled away since the 1980s with M&S reporting that its own-brand cut crystal glassware, wooden spice racks and fluffy towels are now top choices.

To speed the wedding list process, brides tick proforma lists instead of having to write out each item. They receive cards for inclusion with wedding invitations announcing that their list is administered by M&S. At the Mulberry Hall store in York, brides who register their list receive a (non-returnable) Stuart Crystal rose bowl inscribed "Congratulations on your wedding day".

Smart brides specify gifts carefully. The arcane powers generated by following rituals allow them to ask for the last word in gifts and get away with it — even if that means requesting, as one Harrods-held list revealed, a copy of *Dr Ruth's Guide to Sex*.

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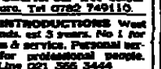
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This little piggy went to hospital

Your guinea pig has fallen ill. The local vet is baffled. There is only one answer — a hospital where all the patients are rodents and the 'doctor' has given up her life to their care



Feeding time for a patient at the guinea pig hospital



JOHN MANNING

Treble trouble — Vedra Stanley-Spatcher with three of the 100 patients in care at any one time at the Cambridge Cavy Trust Guinea Pig Hospital

Guinea pigs arrive at Vedra Stanley-Spatcher's bungalow in Cambridgeshire from all parts of the country and at all hours: one desperate owner turned up at 2am, having driven from Torquay, in Devon, with a female in labour.

The bungalow, at Swavesey, houses the Cambridge Cavy Trust Guinea Pig Hospital. Thought to be the only centre of its kind in Britain, it is often the last resort for such creatures: many vets are either baffled by sick guinea pigs or believe they do not merit treating.

"It seems incredible that the profession knows so little about guinea pigs, given that the animals have been in the country for 130 years," Miss Stanley-Spatcher says. "Some vets seem to think it is not worth an owner spending money on them and that it would be cheaper to get another animal. But guinea pigs can live for about eight years if they are well cared for and, besides, children can be heartbroken when a pet dies. And it's not only children who like them. I knew a lorry driver who used to take his guinea pig with him in his cab. When he stopped at a transport café, he'd take his pet inside in his jacket pocket. The driver would have a fry-up and the pig a salad."

Miss Stanley-Spatcher kept guinea pigs as a child. "They're affectionate, easier to house train than a cat and more intelligent than many people realise," she says.

"I also felt they deserved some help. They've always been the classic research animal, because they're so easy to handle, but being used in this way has never been for their benefit. I thought it was a shame that they had given so much to mankind and had been given so little in return."

Miss Stanley-Spatcher began her research 16 years ago, under the tutelage of a retired vet, gradually building up her skills and knowledge. "At one point", she says, "I'd go to shows and buy up all the sick guinea pigs. The breeders must have thought I was mad."

The hospital opened nine years ago and cares for about 100 animals at any one time. The patients include rats, hamsters, gerbils, chipmunks, and chinchillas as well as guinea pigs, or cavies *(Cavia)*, as they are also known. The animals have taken over Miss Stanley-Spatcher's home, her garden (and half of that of an obliging neighbour) and her life. Now in her fifties, she regularly wakes in the middle of the night to nurse those in intensive care.

She also keeps a selection of animals as pets, among them seven guinea pigs and a dozen rats, believing it essential to study the healthy creature in order to understand the sick one. During the day, she is helped by two part-time "ward" assistants and a team of volunteers, some of whom act as "foster parents" for animals who need longer-term care. Most patients stay a week or two. The most common complaints include skin ailments, respiratory infections, obstetric complications and dental problems.

Although she is an associate member of the British Veterinary Nursing Association, Miss Stanley-Spatcher is not qualified to undertake surgery or write prescriptions, which must be done by the local vet, but her skill as a rodentologist is widely recognised. She tutors visiting second and third-year students from the Veterinary School of Glasgow University and frequently gives advice over the telephone to vets abroad.

On one wall of her home, a selection of before-and-after photographs depicts pathetic, sickly specimens restored to glossy-coated, bright-eyed health. Her success rate, she says, is about 80 per cent.

"Not even the best doctor saves every patient. Obviously we are very sad and disappointed when we lose one, but given that most have been seen by other vets and have often been ill for a long time, their owners are usually expecting the worst," she says. "It's upsetting and often unnecessary for the animals to get into this state, because these problems can be easy to clear if they're not misdiagnosed in the first place."

Lesley Masterson and her five-year-old daughter Kate drove their guinea pigs Fizzy and Mopsa from their home in Hertford to Savesey when they discovered that the pets had ringworm. "One of them was in a bad way," Mrs Masterson says. "I'd been warned by the woman I bought them from that a lot of vets don't understand guinea pigs. It was a long haul to the hospital but worth it. They're fine now. Vedra understands them and is painstaking in her work.

"Pets are precious; they are a child's first contact with the responsibility of caring for another creature."

The hospital is run as a charity and charges only for medication. Other income comes from fundraising and donations. Miss Stanley-Spatcher says: "I'm here to make sure the animals get the attention they need and my fear is that if there was a fee help might not be sought. And at least when I'm working so hard I don't get the chance to spend any money."

LIZ GILL

● *Cambridge Cavy Trust Guinea Pig Hospital, Whitton Close, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB4 5RT (0954 230357). The trust runs two open days a year.*

Pet problems cured

YOUR local vet should be the first source of help for a sick pet. The following organisations may also be able to help.

☐ **Budgerigar Society**, 49-53 Hazelwood Road, Northampton (0604 24549): lists specialist vets and runs a pet owners' club. It may be able to give advice over the phone or put you in touch with a local member.

☐ **British Rabbit Council**, Durefoy House, 7 Kirkgate, Newark, Notts (0636 76042): gives advice over the phone or via district advisers. It also produces leaflets on the health and welfare of rabbits.

☐ **British Chelonia Group**, c/o Diana Desmond, 29 Victoria Street, Staple Hill, Bristol: covers tortoises, turtles and terrapins (send SAE for a fact sheet), and can put enquirers in touch with its own vet or other owners.

☐ **St Tiggywinkles**, Aston Road, Haddenham, Bucks (0844 292292): a hospital caring for sick and injured wild animals and birds. It has 1,000 "patients" at any one time and may be able to give advice over the phone.

☐ **People's Dispensary for Sick Animals**: has 50 veterinary centres around the country offering free help to those who cannot afford vets' fees.

Children's events

LONDON

☐ **Fitkid Workout with the Stars**: Exercise with celebrities such as the Gladiators and Get Ready.
Olympia, Hammersmith Road, London W14 (0850 772505). Today, 1pm - 5pm, and tomorrow (for adults), 8.30am to 6.30pm. Admission free but donations welcome.

☐ **Sherlock Holmes Museum**: A far from "elementary" visit with a peep inside the (probable) former home of the great detective.
221B Baker Street, NW1 (071-935 8866). Today and tomorrow 9.30am - 6pm. Adults £5, children £3.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

☐ **Sheep dog nursery trials**: Stroke the dogs; speak to the trainers; and watch these animals going through their paces.
East of England Showground, Peterborough. (0860 756148). Today from 9.30am. Admission free.

DEVON

☐ **Woodland Leisure Park**: Dress up as clowns in the circus drome. Also trampolining.
Black Orton, Dartmouth. (0803 712598). Today and tomorrow. 9.30am - 5pm. Adults £2.50, children £2.

ESSEX

Sinbad the Sailor: Hilarious pantomime by the Saffron Players.
Saffron Walden Town Hall, Market Square. Today, 2.30pm and 6.30pm. Tomorrow, 2.30pm. Tickets £3 on the door.

OXFORDSHIRE

☐ **Professor Heard's Touring Magic Show**: Melodramas, parlour ballads, "dissolving view" transformations and other tricks by the 19th century magic lantern.
Stratton Audley Church. (0295 252535). Today at 7.30pm. Adults £3.50, children £2.50.

GLASGOW

☐ **Shark Show** (adults wrestling with sharks) at the continuing Christmas and New Year Carnival.
Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow. (041-332 9121). Today and tomorrow from 1.45pm. Adults £1.50 and children £1.

WARWICKSHIRE

☐ **Land of the Dinosaurs**: Exhibition at the Bull Ring Shopping Centre, Birmingham.
Today and tomorrow 10am - 6pm. Admission free.

JANE BIDDER

BOBBY SHORT
Cabaret artiste



Where would you go?
Marrakesh, because it is mysterious and the culture is foreign to me. It is also accessible for a weekend.

How would you get there?
I fly first class at every chance I get.

Where would you stay?
With my friend Fernando Sanchez, whom I have known for 25 years. Like me, Fernando lives in New York city, but he keeps a house in Marrakesh. He is a couturier and an old friend of Yves Saint Laurent, who owned the Moroccan house before he did.

Who would be your perfect companion?
Jean Muir, because we laugh a lot together: we have known each other since the Sixties.

What essential piece of clothing would you take?
A warm sweater for the cold winter evenings.

What medicines would accompany you?
An antacid, because I have a nervous stomach.

What would you have to eat?
Pigeon pie — a Moroccan speciality — and couscous.

What would you have to drink?
Moroccan red, wine which is very good, and Krug champagne.

Which books would you take to read?
The Letters of Nancy Mitford — I am a great fan of hers. I would also take *The Duke of Ellington Reader*, a new book. Ellington is one of my idols.

What music would you listen to?
American jazz, by all kinds of people — Billie Holiday, the pianist Art Tatum, and Duke Ellington, of course.

What would you watch on television?
The news

What film would you watch?
Casablanca, because it is so romantic and spectacular

Would you play any games or sport?
No. There is a pool at Fernando's house but it would be too cold to swim during January.

What luxury would you take?
A kilo of caviare.

What piece of art would you like there?
Anything from Matisse's Moroccan period: I find his Odalisques enchanting.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
My dentist.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The *International Herald Tribune*.

What three things would you leave behind?
My bathing trunks, my dalmatian, and my piano.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Shop in the souk: once in a while you'll find something to wear that's pretty, and the Moroccan silver is very attractive. 2. Dine: we would eat at Fernando's house and at restaurants. 3. Drive into the beautiful Atlas mountains.

Who would you send a postcard to?
Nobody; I wouldn't bother.

What souvenir would you bring home?
A Moroccan cape to replace my old one.

What would you like to find when you get home?
My dog, Chilli.

Interview by Rosanna Greenstreet

● *Bobby Short is at the Green Room of the Café Royal, London, until January 22.*

What the papers said: **Derwent May's** bookbuyers' guide

5/5 Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers.

2/5 Alice in Mumboland: Lindsay Clarke's first novel *The Chymical Wedding* won high praise and a Whitbread Prize, but his new one, *Alice's Masque* (Cape, £14.99), has so far been greeted with dismay. It is about a man called Ronan who goes to Cornwall to win back an ex-mistress, but instead comes under the influence of the 70-year-old tapestry-maker and earth-mother Alice, who sets him on the path to self-knowledge. "This," said James Walton in *The Daily Telegraph*, "largely consists of wandering the cliffs and having dreams which place him in tales from the Middle Ages, primarily the Wife of Bath's ... Medieval romance meets psychobabble." In *The Literary Review*, Andrew Post said that "Lindsay Clarke can write superbly and there is an occasional sly humour in the language" ,but that "to me there is something bathetic in the power of myth and ritual being harnessed to give a middle-aged adulterer new strength to decide whether to leave his wife". In *The Sunday Telegraph*, Katie Owen concluded: "This is a disappointing fantasy from a talented novelist who has allowed human realities to be smothered by ideas."
Col cms: 55



4/5 Garrison guys: Second book to hit the headlines this year, after A.S. Byatt's last week, is Garrison Keillor's new collection of stories, *The Book of Guys* (Faber, £14.99). "He takes a big risk," warned J.D.F. Jones in the *Financial Times*, "when he turns his back on the wonderfully named Lake Wobegon" — the setting for Keillor's renowned radio monologues. The new book, said John Melmoth in *The Sunday Times*, is about guys from various places in America who "know that their glory days are gone and that it's downhill from here ... It is an eccentric mix of whimsy and rage against the dying of the light".

However, James Saynor in *The Observer* found Keillor's comedy "as sharp and swerving as a sickle ... There's not a lazy entry in this album of squibs and shucksy fables", he said (using a vocabulary that sounded more like Keillor than Keillor). Rachel Cusk in *The Times* thought that "as the basis for a collection, guyness is somewhat vague": she thought that "many of the stories are very funny" but that they were "tarnished rather than enhanced by any political preconceptions of guyness". Laura Cumming in *The Guardian* had no objection to Keillor being on the side of guys — she liked the nimble way in which he "gleefully evades the joke police"; while Patrick Skene Catling in the *Evening Standard* rejoiced wholeheartedly in the fact that "Keillor writes on behalf of all hen-pecked men who would turn like angry worms if only they had the nerve ... He has smuggled out his message to males as a joke. Too bad it's too late."
Col cms: 274

3/5 Wrath of Rothko: Julia Neuberger in *The Times* and Peter Conrad in *The Observer* took very different views of *Mark Rothko*, a biography of the American painter by James E. B. Breslin (Chicago, £30.95). Neuberger scarcely mentioned the paintings of this "angry, displaced and difficult" man, who left Russia for America at the age of ten and there became "Rothko the outsider". She found that the biography was "compelling and moving". Conrad asked the question: "Can the art of an abstract painter be autobiographical?" and answered "No". But "James Breslin thinks so, and what he calls a biography slights the narrative of the man's life in order to decipher his obsessions through a psychoanalytical reading of those stubbornly non-referential paintings". So what had Ms Neuberger been reading?
Col cms: 98

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Continuing our series on families united by sporting activities: the Carrolls go orienteering and cycling

On the trail of outdoor adventure

DENISE and Stephen Carroll have allowed their three daughters to choose the kind of holiday the family will take this year. As they have never been abroad, they were offered the choice of two weeks in Spain or their usual weekends away cycling, orienteering and hosteling.

The girls — Fionnadh, 18, Gillean, 15, and Seana, 14 — admit that the idea of sunny Spain was tempting, but they decided it could wait. They felt they would prefer to spend their holidays on weekend trips and on being active.

Since they were knee-high, the Carroll children have been orienteering with their parents. "It's a wonderful sport for a family because everyone can choose his or her own skill level; the more competent you become the more difficult the trails," Mrs Carroll says. "Children enjoy it because they are allowed to do things on their own: it teaches them to be self-reliant."

The family goes cycling as well as orienteering, and Gillean is the youngest girl to become a full member of the Scottish cycle racing squad. She has won a number of junior events and when she is 16 will be able to take part in international races.

Mr Carroll, 45, teaches computer technology at a secondary school near their home in Golspie, Sutherland, and Mrs Carroll, 44, is a former gymnastics coach. She says: "We are both doers rather than watchers and when the children came along we wanted to find a sport we could all join in. Orienteering fitted the bill, and you don't have to be incredibly fit to take it up, nor is it too expensive.

"The skill level trails are colour coded, the easiest being white. There are even paths suitable for toddlers. The skill levels progress to orange, red, green, blue and brown, the trails getting more difficult. It's fun, challenging and teaches children to have courage and initiative.

"A lot of trails have no paths and lots of obstacles. You might come across streams to ford or crags to negotiate. The atmosphere is always good, and there are plenty of people around to help if you are lost or fall into a stream."

Orienteering doesn't stop when it rains, and children brought up on it thrive, Mrs Carroll says. "We don't suffer from colds and flu, and being soaked to the skin doesn't worry any of us. Gillean has asthma, but she has inhalers and puts Olbas oil on her T-shirt and gloves, which she can sniff to ease her breathing.

"Our kids have always seemed to enjoy being in the open air but I suppose it depends on the way children are brought up how they feel about getting wet and dirty. Ours think nothing of stripping completely in the back of the car."

Old clothes for crashing through undergrowth are all you need to start orienteering, although special shoes that dry out quickly after you have yomped through boggy bits soon become necessary, as does tough legwear to protect you from brambles, and a sweater, usually brightly coloured so that you can be seen in the fog and drizzle.

CYCLING is more expensive to begin with but no more costly once you have made the initial outlay on the machine. The Carrolls use a lot of the same clothes for both activities. When they need potentially expensive items such as helmets and anoraks, they look for bargains and second-hand buys in magazines. Mrs Carroll estimates that they spent between £1,500 and £2,000 last year on their sports, but that included a £1,000 track bike for Gillean. Mrs Carroll's bike cost £600; Mr Carroll has two bikes, a track model and a standard, which were "not particularly expensive"; Fionnadh has a standard bike and Seana's was handed down.

"We ride in pairs for safety and so far nothing serious has happened," Mrs Carroll says. "The only time I ever fell off my bike was when a policeman suddenly stepped into the road in front of me.

"UNLESS we are going on a club run, when we take a snack, we just keep up a steady pace and eat when we get home. When we're orienteering, we snack on crisps and chocolate and have our Sunday roast in the evening."

Weekends away cost little, because the family stays in hostels or tents.

Children as young as five can follow orienteering "string" courses, which are usually less than a mile long. By the time they are ten, there are competition courses which they can follow on their own, though they are usually shadowed discreetly. The important thing is for the child to feel independent, while knowing help is at hand.

"The safety factor is very important," Mrs Carroll says. "As you go into a wood you are given a card which states your home, which class, club, the course you are doing, and your car registration number.

The identity card has two halves, one of which is given to the starter. When you return, the halves are matched up. The organisers never leave a site until everyone is back."

There are 150 orienteering clubs in Britain and an estimated 20 million bicycle owners, half of whom cycle regularly. Almost every area is covered by a cycling campaign group, which can advise on the safest routes, and most organise family rides. Ordnance Survey publishes regional guides, which give details of routes and how difficult they are to pedal.

Every sport has its drawbacks and there are usually plenty of reasons for not doing something on a wet weekend, particularly if children are prone to whinge about discomfort. The trick is to persuade them that being cold, damp and tired can be fun, which it often is — afterwards.

HEATHER KIRBY

- *For an orienteering information pack, write to Hilda Gregson, British Orienteering Federation, Riversdale, Dale Road North, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 2HX, enclosing a 12 x 9in 24p SAE.*
- *For information about cycling, write to David Collins, Bicycle Association of GB Ltd, Starley House, Eaton Road, Coventry, CV1 2FH, enclosing an A5 envelope with a 28p stamp.*
- Cycle Tours *(Ordnance Survey and Hamlyn, £9.99). Regions covered so far: Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire; Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester; Dorset, Hampshire and Isle of Wight; Kent, Surrey and Sussex.*

ANDREW ALLAN



Ready for a weekend family spin through the Scottish hills. (from left) Stephen Carroll, Gillean, Fionnadh, Denise and (crouching) Seana

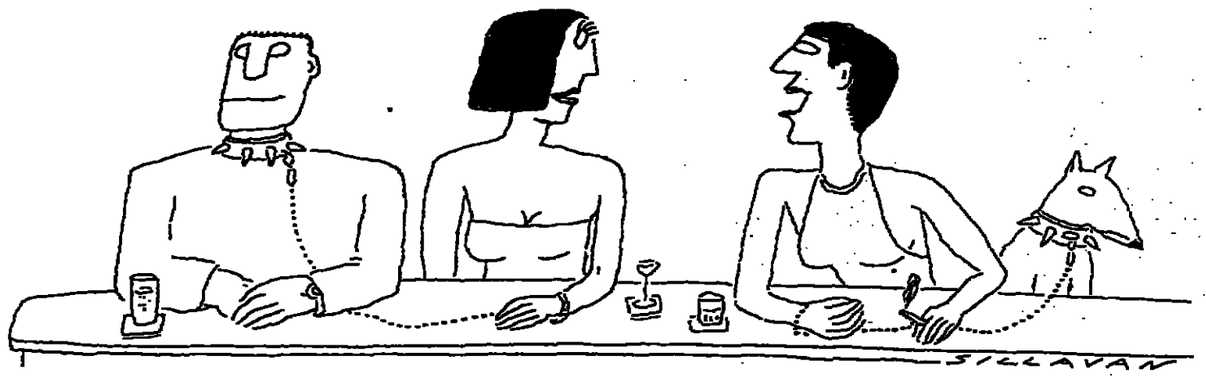
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A look at international trends and trend-setters. This week, the issues exciting the French chattering classes



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Paris
MODES

CHAINS AND LEATHER
The Balladur-bourgeois fashion has made no impact on Paris's booming the night-club scene, which is enjoying the same craze for exhibitionist gay hang-outs as the *bottes* of New York and London. Top of the list is Queen on the Champs Elysées which caters to the body-pierced, chains-and-leather crowd of both sexes and for ordinary citizens who come for the ambiance and techno sound. Those who wish to rub shoulders with celebrities can try Banana Café, a more chic but equally unrestrained gay haunt on the rue de la Ferronnerie. Top venues for the more hetero crowd at the moment are Le Palace in the rue du faubourg Montmartre, and La Plage on the river at Port de Javel.

AVENGERS
Britons might be amused by a hot item for plugged-in Parisians: the collected videos of *Chapeau Melon et Bottes de Cuir*, or, literally, "Bowler Hat and Leather Boots". This is the Gallic title of *The Avengers*, a show which scored immense success in its original format and which now enjoys cult status as period kitsch similar to Britain's current affair with *Thunderbirds*. *Les anglais* may be "*emmerdeurs*" (roughly, a pain in the neck), the thinking goes, but they certainly used to have style.

POPULARITY STAKES
Paris has been struck by a bout of compassion for the newly visible army of homeless. The chattering and the monied classes are busy organising soirées for charities and the media has intensified the new blaze of glory surrounding l'Abbé Pierre. This 81-year-old priest, who has campaigned for 40 years for the poor, is the most popular personality in France, according to a poll. Number two is Commander Cousteau and number three is Professor Leon Schwartzenberg, an oncologist and politician. Politicians as a whole rank low: 28th place goes to the most popular of the species, Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister.

SEX TALK
A favourite item for the chattering classes is that old chestnut, the Anglo-Saxon obsession with the sex lives of public figures. Incredulous laughter is guaranteed for any recital of the Clinton revelations, the latest from John Major's government or the legal misadventures of Michael Jackson. The photographing of the singer's private parts by the Los Angeles police was the subject of mocking newspaper columns. "A great moment in modern criminology," mused the weekly *Globe Hebdo*, joining in the amusement over "the hysterical puritanism" of America.

CHAMPAGNE
There is nothing like a lawsuit to boost sales. The most desirable perfume of the moment is Champagne, the Yves Saint Laurent scent launched only last year and banned after the bubbly industry won its customary lawsuit to stop its name being taken in vain. Since January 1, no Champagne perfume may be sold in France under that name. The shops sold out before Christmas as fans bought up what they believed would be a collector's item.

BANKNOTES
The chattering classes are also getting worked up this month about banknotes. The object of the argument is France's new Fr50 note, which features Antoine de St Exupéry, the mid-century aviator-author. The note is causing anguish because it depicts Saint-Ex with his beloved biplane and also two of the cartoon-like characters from *Le Petit Prince*. The British equivalent would be a £5 note with Christopher Robin, Pooh and Tigger.

THE TOUCH OF POWER
The media classes have just had their annual chance to sip champagne with the President and with the Prime Minister. Such is the seductiveness of power that failure to be invited to either event is read as banishment to the wilderness.

LE LOOK ANGLAIS
Recession and the personality of the ineffably patrician Prime Minister have set the tone for an old-world approach to the shopping season. Balladurmania is fuelling a fashion for the comfortable values of the old bourgeoisie which, in terms of home decoration and men's attire, means *le look anglais*. The style is generating boom business for Old England, the Prime Minister's favourite shop, and all the other boutiques around the Madeleine and the Opéra which specialise in tweeds, Church's shoes, and Jermyn Street shirts. Marks & Spencer, on the Boulevard Haussmann, offers a cheaper access to the anglo style. Its most unlikely success is its sandwich counter, where office workers queue for up to 20 minutes for such delicacies as bacon and egg sandwiches and *le ploughman's lunch*.

CHARLES BREMNER



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Made to measure, and to fit a budget

Looking for drop-dead fashion, a perfect fit and affordable prices? The answer may be just around the corner. How to find — and keep — a good seamstress





Fiona Clare at her sewing machine, in her studio in southwest London, turning a design into reality for a client. She specialises in over-the-top outfits with a twist

Forty years ago, acquiring an accomplished dressmaker was simple: everybody who was anybody had their clothes made and couturiers were as commonplace in address books as coiffeurs.

Today, women are once again opting for round-the-corner custom clothing because it offers the exclusivity of Parisian *haute couture* at prices that compare favourably with well-known designers' ready-to-wear; an average suit costs about £400, for example.

A good made-to-measure piece will also flatter less-than-firm contours, cater for non-designer figures, as well as offering, say, a dog-collar neckline because it suits you rather than because it is the only styling in vogue.

However, in 1994 the quest by the uninitiated for a dressmaker can result in something that looks as it were custom-made for Oxfam rather than a drop-dead designer outfit. "Many women are quite nervous the first time they come to us," says Sue Read, a partner at Olney Designs of Olney, Buckinghamshire. "It's a bit of a leap into the unknown if they've never had a dressmaker before."

First, women run across the problem of who to turn to. "A good dressmaker shouldn't have to advertise — it's all word of mouth," says Mandy Barber. A practitioner of the trade for 28 years, she runs a consultancy service in southwest London, matching clients with suitable seamstresses.

If Mrs Barber's contacts or friends fail to throw up any suitable leads, fabric shops can also provide names — although the quality will largely reflect that of their own merchandise.

Before committing yourself to your intended Dior-doppelganger, it is important to evaluate the level of empathy between his or her product and your own desires. Stylistically, what may be perfect for a media mogul may be totally wrong for her colleague's mother. To avoid problems, Mrs Barber suggests that you bring one or two favourite items to the preliminary consultation to give the dressmaker an insight into your preferences and self-image.

Although many dressmakers will rise to any sartorial challenge, some have a speciality and are better sticking to it. What is more, while any "couture" dressmaker worthy of a sewing machine should be prepared to accept design input, some are more open to it than others: Ulrich Engler, in Tachbrook Street, central London, for example, prefers to work from the company's own collection. Incidentally, most dressmakers prefer not to make carbon copies — so if you expect a cut-price Chanel, you may be disappointed.

There is no standard professional qualification by which a dressmaker can be judged, but there are some basic indicators of quality: experience with established names and design degrees are obvious advantages. Also, professional dressmakers should always make a toile — a muslin mock-up of the garment as used in French couture houses.

However, the best guide to a dressmaker's ability is previous handiwork, which should be seen in photographs — to assess fit — and in the flesh. "Things made by a skilled dressmaker should be as beautiful on the inside as on the outside," says Kate Ward Jones, whose company, The London Fashion Advisory, in west London, offers advice on dressmakers in the capital in its shopping directory. Ms Ward Jones specifically advises checking the finish of button-holes (hand-done is preferable), the fit and finish of linings, and how well zips are put in.

Even after quality has been positively assessed, Mrs Barber says that wading in with an order for a wedding dress is not the ideal way to proceed. "Go easy the first time — get them to copy or design a simple skirt to check the workmanship."

Quality is not cheap and cost is another area in which compatibility must be established between dressmaker and client. For seamstresses working from their own collections, prices are all inclusive, but most charge fees which exclude fabric, lining, interlining and trim.

Prices vary considerably according to location, level of experience, design and fabric, but, as a rough guide, skirts cost about £80, coats £500, cocktail dresses £350 and wedding dresses £1,200. A price should always be agreed before work begins to avoid wrangling later.

Turning up at the first consultation with your silk from Shanghai is unlikely to put your seamstress in seventh heaven: dressmakers prefer to discuss design before fabric is purchased. "People often come with the wrong sort of fabric for the design, or not enough of it," says Louise Wardlaw, who is based in Battersea, south London. Many dressmakers supply fabric, and all will provide advice on sources, quantities and type.

Unrealistic expectations on timing can be a further cause of friction between dressmaker and client. Mrs Barber advises allowing at least six weeks for the first garment — most dressmakers will want two or three fittings in addition to the all-important preliminary consultation.

All these practical considerations aside, the ideal relationship is one of partnership — the basis of which is, unsurprisingly, personal empathy between client and dressmaker. "It's a very intimate process and I think you have to find someone you're going to get on with — most clients become friends," says Elizabeth Gallagher, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

As with any relationship, honesty is also crucial — particularly if you are unhappy with the design or fit. Professional dressmakers would much rather make a new toile — for which there may be a nominal extra charge — than proceed with making something that the client dislikes. "We do try to make every client happy: it's not a very good advertisement if someone leaves with a dress they don't like," Ulrich Engler says.

Ultimately, acquiring an accomplished dressmaker is a matter of trust. Mrs Barber says: "Express confidence in the dressmaker and you'll get a brilliant dress."

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Fiona Clare, dressmaker and designer, with gold and dove-blue striped silk taffeta frock coat with heart buttons, price £450

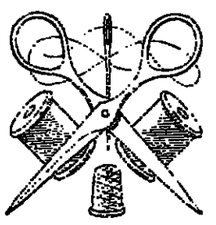
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Melanie Todd wears raspberry tweed frock coat, £380



Melanie Todd, client and friend of Fiona Clare, wears black velvet jacket with gold feather beading and black velvet skirt, price £500
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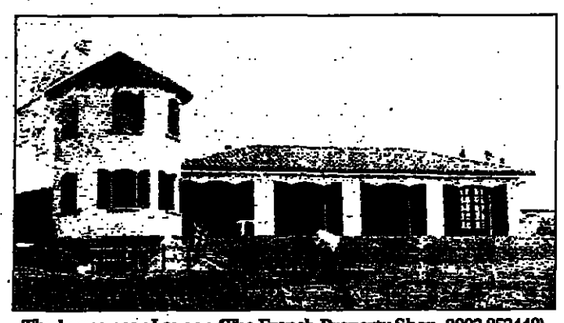
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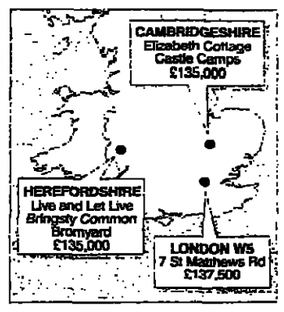
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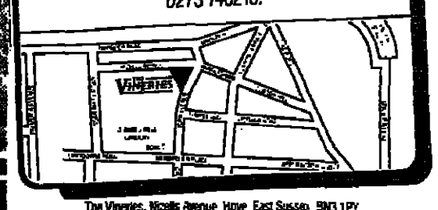
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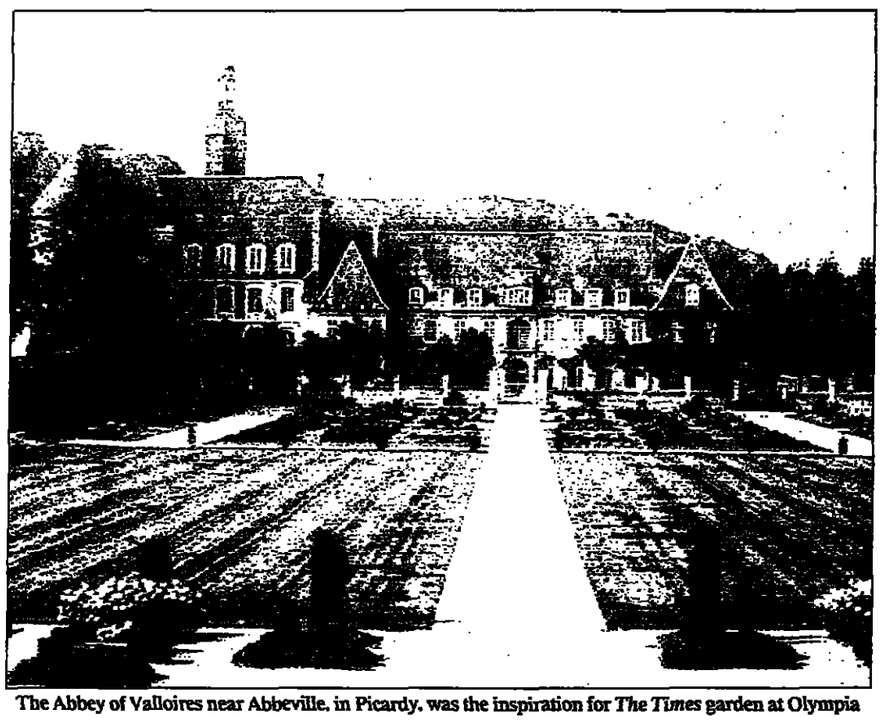
French flair for your cottage plot

The inspiring story behind *The Times* garden created for this year's International Spring Gardening Fair

A magnificent garden, illustrating how the chic, formal designs that have characterised French gardens through the centuries can be adapted to make exquisite smaller gardens, will be a talking point at the second International Spring Gardening Fair at Olympia, London, over the Easter weekend.

For those who imagine that formal design is not compatible with the dream of an English cottage garden, this example, created by *The Times*, will be an inspiring revelation.

The main strand of French garden design evolved from medieval monastery courtyards, and the inspiration for *The Times* garden is that of the Abbey of Valloires, which since 1981 has been in creation near Abbeville, in Picardy, close to the northeast coast.



The Abbey of Valloires near Abbeville, in Picardy, was the inspiration for *The Times* garden at Olympia

The Cistercian abbey dates from the 12th century and has seen many changes of fortune. It was rebuilt during the 18th century, but the monks were chased away during the French Revolution. The buildings were successively redeveloped until quite recently.

In 1981, Jean-Louis Cousin, a nurseryman who had steadily built up an important collection of 3,000 plants, was offered the Valloires Abbey site as a permanent home for his collection by the Association for the Developing of the Picardy Coast.

Besides reflecting the traditions of French garden design and harmonising with the buildings, it was decided that the garden would be developed botanically, with the plants displayed in a designed landscape, and in many cases grouped by family or genus to emphasise their particular qualities and characteristics. The design was carried out by the landscape architect Gilles Clement.

At Olympia, *The Times* garden will encapsulate some of the features that make Valloires such an intriguing blend of French garden history and botanical importance. Neat gravel paths will divide the area boldly and simply into four geometric sections, the formality emphasised by the clipped box topiary used throughout French gardening history. A series of arches along the four paths, and around their central meeting point, will be important features of the design and support climbing plants: in particular, ivies will complement the box topiary and show the importance of evergreen plants in French gardens to give year-round form and foliage.

As at the Valloires Abbey gardens, plants of a single genus will be grouped together in the formal areas, different varieties illustrating the often surprising range that are grown.

One of the most important collections at Valloires is the *Rubus* genus, or ornamental bramble. Their common name does not do the plants justice, especially the varieties grown for their ornamental stems (the most striking is the ghostly white-stemmed *Rubus thibetanus*). They give the best show when they are cut back after flowering each year. Some of these decorative plants will be included in *The Times* garden.

Many people thinking of French gardens conjure up the ornamental gardens of Villandry, whose terraces contain box-edged parterres and formal patterns of vegetables. At Valloires the incorporation of vegetables into the garden demonstrates the original inspiration of the old monastic gardens — where productivity was as important as appearance. This continuing thread through French garden history will be a feature of *The Times* garden.

Perhaps most of all, French gardens conjure up an image of the elegant grandeur they achieved during the 18th century, before the Revolution swept away the monarchs and aristocrats who created these stunning landscapes. The great gardens of Louis XIV's reign, in particular Vaux-le-Vicomte, outside Paris, created by the king's minister Nicholas Fouquet, and Louis's own Versailles, which he built to eclipse the efforts of his impudent minister, achieved a peak of grandeur not seen in any other country.

Their designs of formal patterns and vistas on a vast scale, incorporating canals, basins and a sumptuous array of statues and other ornaments, presented an image of man's control over nature, exactly as intended by the Sun King. The scale of these gardens could not be repeated, but what survived to inspire the French gardens of future generations were their lessons of design: the arrangement of formal spaces, water features and ornament.

Now, in the 20th century, these lessons can be as much an inspiration for English gardens as they are in their native France. A formal design is the ideal setting for groups of informal planting — Hidcote garden, in Gloucestershire, is an obvious example.

Versailles needed 1.1 million gallons of water every day to feed its 1,400 fountains and each year the patterns of parterres were filled with 150,000 plants. Albeit in miniature, *The Times* garden, covering 120sq yd, will emulate the principles that guided the creation of Louis XIV's showpiece. The pattern of its one fountain and the arrangement of its limited quantity of plants will suggest the tradition that stretches through French gardens from their origins in monasteries, to 18th-century grandeur and on to the present day.

This year's International Spring Gardening Fair aims to repeat the success of last year's, at Wembley, which attracted 62,000 people who were treated to a stunning range of plants, feature gardens, gardening equipment and lectures of interest to every gardening enthusiast from the beginner to the expert.

GEORGE PLUMPTRE

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The beautiful ostrich feather fern *Matteuccia struthiopteris*

How to choose the best of fronds

Ferns come into their own in winter when they can bring a garden alive

FERNS are not natural prima donnas. During spring and summer, their flowers and foliage play little more than a support role in my garden; an arching backdrop to flowers, or a demure treasure for the discerning eye.

It is in these wintry, pre-spring days that I most appreciate my evergreen ferns. I value the Hart's-tongue fern *(Phyllitis scolopendrium)*, with its arching, strappy leaves. I grow this native British plant because I consider it has a better form than the plumed and ruffled cultivars. I planted mine only a year ago, but it is plumping up nicely and the undersides of its fronds are lined with brown sori, the structures which produce the fertile spores, so I hope to get some new plants next year (some of the frilly cultivars are sterile and have to be vegetively propagated).

It seems hardly possible that a dainty form of the broad buckler fern *(Dryopteris dilitata* "Lepidota Cristata") could stand up to this winter's hard weather but its spreading fronds, triangular in shape in fine lacy subdivisions, look good. Mine is small as yet, and you have to look hard to appreciate its finer points, but it should grow over the next year or so to about 1ft/30cm, justifying its place in a border, rather than a raised bed or bank.

As a contrast to the soft bulk of the finely cut buckler fern, I juxtaposed *Polystichum munitum*, a North American fern of simple, bold lines. Its leathery leaves, with serrated edging, grow directly off the stem in neat pairs, boldly arching in a slight twist to a widening swordlike point. I plant these moderately sized ferns near the front of my shady border, the various greens and shapes clear against the dark earth.

One of my favourite ferns, which vies with the buckler fern for delicacy of form, is the soft shield *Polystichum setiferum*. The serrated edges of the leaflets have points and the whole effect is one of delicacy. This fern makes a point of bright green among the small, dark leaves of a small periwinkle. So far, it has kept its colour, but in severe weather the fronds die back.

In the imminent rearrangement of my long border, I have a place for one of the most beautiful of the garden ferns, the ostrich feather fern *(Matteuccia struthiopteris)*, which is at its most beautiful in spring, when its bright crosiers unfurl into their unusual and characteristic shape, and may grow to well over 3ft. Until now, my largest fern has been the male fern *Dryopteris filibmas*, one of the most common ferns, which I value for its handsome fount of tall dark fronds. When well established, the plant can make a handsome height and bulk over the year. This year I shall cut it back hard in late July, and the fresh fronds should complement the neighbouring anemones.

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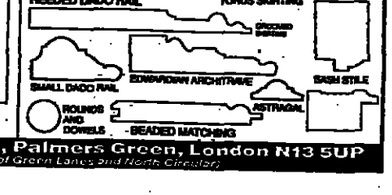
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Edward Marriott persuades people in the public eye to confess their sins and celebrate their saving graces



Kathy Lette

Novelist

Pride: I have an allergic reaction to people with no redeeming vices. I'm very proud that I escaped from Sylvania Waters. I grew up there and left at 15.

Gluttony: I have an insatiable appetite for puns. I always have a pun in my cheek. The only time I exceeded the feed limit was when I was pregnant. I realised the true meaning of the word "gluttony" Being pregnant is the only time a woman is allowed to turn into a grounded Zeppelin. It's quite liberating in a way.

Wrath: Dogs make me completely furious: every single morning, every dog in Islington makes a beeline for the footpath outside my house. You don't walk anywhere in England — you ski on dog excreta.

Envy: All writers develop the bookshop *shuffle*, when you go into a bookstore and remove the books of your enemies to the back of the display. You see writers surreptitiously putting their competitor's book behind *Organic Gardening for Beginners* or *Cutting Techniques for Ingrown Toenails.*

Lust: My priorities have changed a lot recently. Babies are an incredibly good contraceptive. You have to make appointments to get down and get dirty. As the mother of two bonsai insomniacs, I secretly lust for a good night's sleep.

Avarice: I can't get used to the idea that I now have enough money to go out and buy designer shoulder pads. Writers are always suffering debt-lag.

Sloth: With two children and my work, it's impossible to be physically lazy. I'm lazy mentally: my greatest sin is never looking up words in the dictionary. It's difficult when you spell finetically. Inphuriating, in fact.

Fortitude: You must have fortitude for book tours. The whole business is *hideous.*

Hope: I am a satirist so hope is not *high on my agenda.* I'm sceptical. I have scepticaemia. But I'm an optimistic sceptic. Optimism is written into the Australian constitution.

Faith: I realise that I am fast approaching the age where a woman considers a faith-lift. The closest we get to religion in Australia is sun-worship. When we were growing up, our boyfriends used to cut their names out in paper and stick them on our stomachs to get a tan tattoo. It took me two years to realise that there were women in the world who weren't treated like that. If I ever get cancer, I'm going to have a melanoma called Bruce.

Prudence: Not normally a trait I can lay claim to, but I was prudent enough to take along to the labour ward a little light bedside reading: *Medical Malpractice: You Too Can Sue.* Life's too short to be subtle, and in Australia it's too hot.

Temperance: Bottle fatigue? I don't drink too much at parties because I have to remember everyone's dialogue to write it down when I get home.

Justice: As a writer, the only justice I believe in is poetic. When people turn nasty, you can always turn them into fictional characters. For example, I'm working on a film script entitled *Melvyn and Rosie Get Laid Off.*

Charity: As a satirist, I am always looking for people's bad points and double standards. Charity is not a quality which comes naturally to me, but one which I heartily encourage in others.

● *Kathy Lette's latest novel,* Foetal Attraction, *is published by Picador at £9.99.*

Community at peace with itself

Ruth Gledhill visits a l'Arche home for people with learning difficulties

L'Arche, "Little Ewell", Barfreston, near Dover, Kent CT15 7JJ (0304 830930)

RESOURCES CO-ORDINATOR: Maggie Smith

ARCHITECTURE: Georgian rectory in the Kent countryside, modernised to meet the needs of the community.★★

MUSIC: Unaccompanied impromptu hymn and chant.★★★

LITURGY: Improvised prayers for evening meetings, but the community has an international reputation for its liturgies on special festivals.★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: humbling insight into the difficult world of those with learning disabilities.★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: None, but delicious supper beforehand.★★★

★ stars are awarded to a maximum of five



LOGS crackled in the hearth of the Old Rectory at Barfreston, Kent, as about a dozen members of l'Arche community gathered for their daily prayers before bed. Bill Armstrong, 70, the oldest person present, reminisced about friends who had died. Dean Hewitt, a young man, talked excitedly about the latest developments in *Neighbours.* Bold paintings by community members covered the walls.

I was at the United Kingdom's first l'Arche community, Little Ewell, founded in 1974. There are now others in Inverness, Liverpool, London and Bognor Regis. L'Arche communities are Christian-based houses where people with learning disabilities live and work alongside assistants. As we settled down to pray, Maggie Smith, resources co-ordinator, explained: "People with learning difficulties can have quite a profound faith in God. They have a gift of simplicity, of perception."

We held hands and said the Lord's Prayer, and heard a reading from St Paul's Letter to the Corinthians: "Love is patient and kind. Love envies no one, is never boastful, never conceited, never rude; love is never selfish."

The reading was followed by a period of silence, out of respect for the non-speaking members of the 18-strong community. Ms Smith then led us in unaccompanied song "Come and fill our hearts with love. You alone are holy". Another silence followed before some participants improvised brief prayers.

We sang a chant, "Wait for the *Lord, His day is near*", before more silence and the community's own prayer, written in l'Arche's early days, which ends, "Oh Lord, grant freedom, fellowship and unity to all Your children and welcome everyone into Your kingdom."

FOUNDED in 1964 in a small village in northern France by Jean Vanier, a former teacher of moral philosophy, with the help of a Roman Catholic priest, Père Thomas Phillipe, l'Arche communities now number nearly 100 worldwide. The official l'Arche charter says: "Because of their handicap and because they feel rejected, a wounded person may shock or repel. But given an atmosphere of security, where their latent capacities can develop, they can also radiate simplicity, welcome, joy and peace."

The residents of Little Ewell, now one of four l'Arche houses in Kent, come mainly through social services and word of mouth. The assistants need no special training. There is no segregation or hierarchy. The assistants, who receive board, lodging and about £28 a week pocket money, sometimes decide to "covenant" themselves, deciding to remain celibate and to make a long-term commitment to the community.

The residents, aged about 20 to 70, include Roman Catholics, Baptists and Anglicans. Most attend their nearest churches on Sundays. The Old Rectory has a small chapel used on special occasions, but for daily prayer residents prefer to meet in their living room.

They do a full day's work, on a garden project, which is open to visitors, and in a craft workshop, "The Fountain", whose products, such as dried-flower arrangements, are sold in the l'Arche shop, St Radigund's Crafts, in Canterbury.

I left with a striking impression of the vulnerability of the residents at l'Arche. Unlike most of us, they had no power to hide their needs from those around them. Ms Smith described how, at a recent Anglican church service, one member of the community stood at the "wrong" time for the "peace". He shook hands with almost everyone there, until the stiff and formal atmosphere relaxed, and turned into one of acceptance and love.

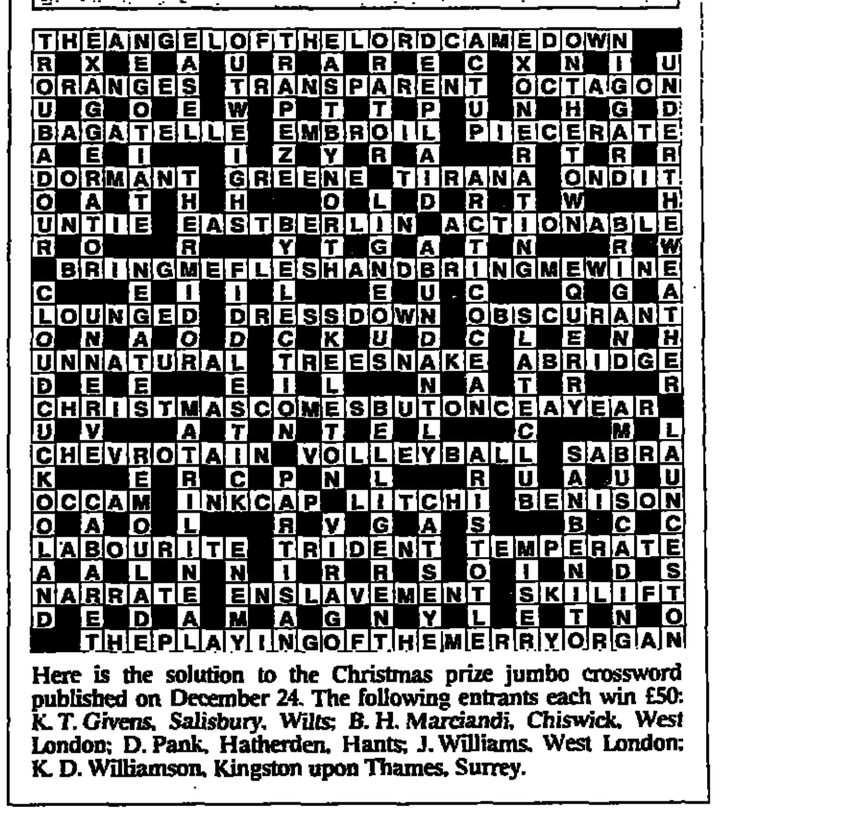
● *Prayers most evenings. Contact the community for details.*

CHRISTOPHER EADES



Members of Little Ewell l'Arche community, in Kent, taking part in evening prayers

CHRISTMAS JUMBO SOLUTION



Here is the solution to the Christmas prize jumbo crossword published on December 24. The following entrants each win £50: *K. T. Givens, Salisbury, Wilts; B. H. Marciandi, Chiswick, West* London; D. Pank, Hatherden, Hants; J. Williams, West London; K. D. Williamson, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

FILM

NEW RELEASES

FRIENDS (15): Female friendships in turbulent Johannesburg. Worthy, flawed drama from writer-director *Elaine* Proctor; with Kerry Fox. **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGMs Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

HEAR NO EVIL (15): Unpleasant potboiler with Marlee Matlin as a deaf damsel in distress. Robert Greenwald directs. **MGMs Fulham Road** Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

THE NORTHERNERS (15): Secrets of an abandoned housing estate. Alex van Warmerdam's deadpan Dutch satire. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

PROVIDENCE (15): Alain Resnais's elegant enigma of 1977, with John Gielgud as the dying writer weaving his family into his fiction. **Everyman** Ⓢ (071-435 1525) **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

UNDERCOVER BLUES (12): Painless, dull comedy thriller with Dennis Quaid and Kathleen Turner spying with baby in tow. Director, Herbert Ross. **Plaza** Ⓢ (0800 888997) **MGMs Fulham Road** Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

ALADDIN (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0426 915683) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

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FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE (15) Chen Kaige's bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li. **Barbican** Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

A PERFECT WORLD (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama; Eastwood *also directs.* **Barbican** Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

WHAT'S ON



The composer John Tavener is the subject of the BBC festival "Ikons", from Fri (071-638 8891). Photo: Malcolm Crowthers

THEATRE

LONDON

AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY: Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon.* With Felicity Kendal and Griff Rhys Jones. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; *mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.*

THE CUT: The first play by former miner Mike Cullen, set at the pit face 3,000 feet underground. **Bush**, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Previews Tues and Wed, 8pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

MADNESS OF GEORGE III: Nigel Hawthorne's award-winning performance of *blasted, resilient* monarchy. Final week. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight to Wed, 7.30pm; mats today and Tues, 2.15pm. Ⓢ

OLEANNA: Denis Lawson and Michelle Fairley have taken over the leads in Mamet's tale of power, politics and punishment. **Duke of York's**, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

SCHIPPEL, THE PLUMBER: Revival of Jeremy Sams' joyous production of Sternheim: a snobbish vocal quartet is obliged to cross class barriers to recruit a vital tenor. James Saxon leads the almost unchanged cast. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) Previews from Jan 20, 7.45pm. Opens Jan 24, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 2pm. Until Feb 26 Ⓢ

SEPTEMBER TIDE: Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion arrives in the West End again (last time 1948), from the King's Head. Susannah York plays the decent woman in love with her son-in-law. **Comedy**, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Previews, 8pm. Opens Tues, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: New Michael Hastings drama, set in 1940 *among a group of aristocrats* nervously awaiting Hitler's invasion. Philip Voss and Toby Stephens head an excellent cast. **Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews tonight to Tues, 7.15pm; mat today, 2pm. Opens Wed, 7pm. Ⓢ

REGIONAL

EDINBURGH: David Rintoul scares the wits out of Vivien Heilbron in Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller, *Gaslight.* **Royal Lyceum**, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat (not today), 3.15pm. Until Feb 5. Ⓢ

***LEICESTER:** Opening of* London's Gate Theatre tour of *The Cheating Hearts*, directed by Laurence Boswell and translated by Ranjit Bolt from Marivaux's *La Double Inconstance.* **Haymarket Studio**, Belgrave Gate (0533-539797). Tues to next Sat, 7.45pm.

WATFORD: Annabelle Apsion plays Lady Brenda in Mike Alfreds' version of Evelyn Waugh's *A Handful of Dust.* The three-month tour continues with dates in Poole and York. **Palace**, Clarendon Road (0923-225671). Previews from Fri, 8pm Opens Jan 25, 7.45pm Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm; mats Sat (from Jan 29) 3pm. Until Feb 12 Ⓢ

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WORD-WATCHING

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ETHEREOUS

(b) Composed of, or of the nature of *ether, or of the upper* element of the universe, from the Latin *aethereus.* Milton. *Paradise Lost,* 1667: "The bright surface/ Of this ethereous mould whereon we stand."

DULCITE

(a) A saccharine substance, similar to and isomeric with mannite, obtained from various plants, and known in the crude state as Madagascar manna, from the Latin *dulcis* sweet: "Dulcite (from Madagascar) *crystallises* in colourless highly lustrous prisms of the monoclinic system."

HEMISTICH

(b) The half or section of a line of verse, as divided by the caesura or the like, also a line of less than the usual length, from the Greek *hemi-* half + *stichos* a row: "I am far from their opinion, who think that Virgil himself intended to have filled up these broken hemistichs."

INCENSORY

(b) A burnt offering, or an altar of burnt offering, adaptation of the medieval Latin *incensorium, incendere* to cremate; Chapman's translation of Homer's *Iliad,* 1611: "A cup of gold, crown'd with red wine he held/ On th' holy incensory pour'd."

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Richard Morrison recalls the bizarre brilliance of Glenn Gould, this month's CD Direct choice



'That nut is a pure genius'

THE TIMES

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The life and times of Glenn Gould can usefully be charted by the newspaper epithets he attracted. When he burst on the scene in 1955, reporters were divided. Was this brilliant but utterly weird young Canadian to be called the "James Dean of the piano"? Or the Marlon Brando?

Just ten years later, at the age of 32, he announced he was quitting the concert platform. Everybody thought it was a gimmick. But he did not play another note in public during the remaining 18 years of his life. At that point he became "the Howard Hughes of music". His "Garbo-like" reclusion was a source of endless speculation. Then, when his unique talent was finally seen as transcending any number of "funny little ways", he was dubbed "the Bobby Fischer of the keyboard". What progress.

Why did journalists so often tag him like this? Perhaps that was their way of cutting down to size this great, original mind. They could pretend he was just another, moody, James Dean slouch-alike. It was ridiculous, of course. Glenn Gould was the first and only Glenn Gould. You think there will be another? Try listening to his unbelievable recording of Bach's *Goldberg Variations*. Then think again.

Funny little ways? He had a few. He wore cloth-cap, overcoat, sweater and scarf on hot summer days. He developed a goonish array of comic voices, behind which he hid his soul in his radio shows. He wrote a long essay analysing the singing of Petula Clark.

His hypochondria was a thing of fable. Once, he filed a £170,000 lawsuit against Steinway because he said a piano tuner had injured him by shaking his hand too vigorously. And yes, he did withdraw from the world in his early 30s, sleeping by day, working at night from a studio in a Toronto hotel cellar, communicating with other humans mostly by telephone.

On the concert platform, too, his behaviour distressed the snootier (mostly British) music critics, who consequently neglected to report that they had just heard a performance in a million. Gould sat not on a conventional stool, but on a strange, sloping chair with a seat just 14.2 inches off the ground. He was a *very* precise man — someone we would now call a control freak.

To say that he sat, however, is not quite right. He slouched. And, to the eternal fury of the snootier (mostly British) music critics, he often *crossed his legs* when he was playing. "I suggest," Neville Cardus sarcastically wrote in the *Manchester Guardian*, "that he would find a deck-chair even more comfortable." If one hand was not playing, Gould would waft it around in the air. And he often sang or mumbled while he played.

But then, his musicianship differed from the norm in every respect. He never wrote fingering into his music, or made any marks whatsoever. As an adult he rarely practised, and then at the most for an hour a day — which makes his virtuosity the more remarkable. On the other hand, he *thought* a great deal. "One does not play the piano with one's fingers," he declared. "One plays with one's mind." Well, *one* might — but don't give up the scales yet, children.

Nothing Gould did was ever done for effect; never did he betray his integrity. Today, his 90 recordings sound remarkably cogent. Yet his chosen speeds were frequently far slower or faster than the norm; and his repertoire was equally unusual, stretching from the 16th-century Gibbons to his own mind-blowing transcriptions of Strauss operas.

In particular, of course, he persisted in playing Bach on the modern grand piano, when the trend was towards using "authentic" instruments. Thank goodness he did. These sparkling, beautiful recordings are now regarded as marvels of the musical firmament. When the grizzled old conductor George Szell heard Gould play Bach's Fifth Brandenburg, he shouted: "That nut is a pure genius". An understatement, I think.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES
The erosion of the Establishment

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Martin Jacques takes a critical look at the country's institutions — in The Culture, The Sunday Times tomorrow

CONCERT

Mellifluous Mendelssohn

Nash Ensemble/ Carmina Quartet
Wigmore Hall

THIS was the final concert of the Nash Ensemble's magnificent series commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Leipzig Gewandhaus. It was given in support of the International Mendelssohn Foundation, which has just managed to buy Mendelssohn's house in Leipzig and now needs funds so that it can be restored. So rightly enough the music was all by Mendelssohn, the Leipzig Gewandhaus kapellmeister who through his conducting and programming transformed standards and attitudes to music.

In fact we got three mini-concerts for the price of one. The Carmina Quartet advocated the cause of the String Quartet in E minor, Op 80, with an almost alarming ardency, admirably rich in tone and blend but also perhaps a mite too neurotic. Yet how tantalising this work is. Composed in 1847, the last year of his short life, it plumbs passions and depths of Beethovenian intensity, far removed from the facility which Mendelssohn seems to have worked so hard to achieve in some of his other music. What would he have done had he lived longer?

The quartet made a fitting climax to both concert and series, but the evening had begun with something a little breezier, the first movement only of the A minor Quartet, Op 13, composed in 1827 at the ripe old age of 18. Then Michael Collins, Michael Harris and Ian Brown took up, or sat down at, clarinet, basset horn and piano for the Concertstück in F minor, Op 113, of 1833, which works to a fever pitch of exhibitionism in its finale yet remains solidly inventive, if hardly profound. The performance was scintillating.

Nine songs followed, each a concise gem, sometimes, as in "Die Liebende schreibt", redolent of Schumann at his most intimate, elsewhere — "Frühlingslied" — broader, more grandiose, more sweepingly Lisztian, but always with the accent on simple melody. The soprano Juliane Banse sometimes sounded rather young of voice (she is) but then so does this music. I liked her uncomplicated, natural style of delivery, and she effected well the change to a darker sound for the last song, "Schilflied".

Melvyn Tan, playing a fortepiano by Johann Streicher made in 1839, proved an acutely sensitive accompanist, perfectly balancing the little preludes and postludes. He was equally at home in the six Songs Without Words, Op 67, exquisite miniatures, steering well clear of affectedness, though without loss of charm.

STEPHEN PETTITT

JAZZ RECORDS

Singing it simply

NO MORE abrasive funk rhythms, no more self-conscious striving after a back-to-the-streets fusion of jazz and rap music. With its spare, uncluttered lines, Cassandra Wilson's debut for Blue Note, *Blue Light 'Til Dawn* (CDP7-813572-2), brings her distinctive, smouldering voice back to centre-stage.

The most fashionable singer of the Eighties, Wilson has been an erratic talent whose concerts have veered from the inspired to the crassly narcissistic. This time, helped by Craig Street's astute production, she is in a more self-disciplined mood, performing songs which extend far beyond the conventional repertoire, embracing Robert Johnson, Van Morrison's "Tupelo Honey" and even Joni Mitchell's "Black Crow".

Wilson's own writing credits are kept to a minimum — a wise decision judging by her past efforts — and she works with the most delicate of settings underpinned by acoustic guitars and discreet percussion. Her preference for laid-back tempos and minor key inflections becomes a liability in the long run, but Wilson at least pulls off the rare feat, for a contemporary jazz singer, of bringing an individual aproach to her material. Like her or not — and she is definitely an acquired taste — she stands out from the crowd.



Laid-back: Cassandra Wilson

Nestling inside the **Bruce Adams-Alan Barnes Quintet** are two distinct musical traditions. Adams, a respected session player who emerged from the shadows in 1992 with his solo album *One Foot In The Gutter*, belongs to the dwindling school of romantic, swing-oriented trumpeters. Barnes, besides performing stylish mainstream saxophone with Humphrey Lyttelton, has also played jagged bebop with the drummer Tommy Chase.

The different disciplines are brought together with some panache in *Side-Steppin'* (Big Bear CD38), the first studio recording by a double-act which has become one of the house favourites at Ronnie Scott's Club in Birmingham. Helped along by the accomplished rhythm section of Brian Dee, Len Skeat and Bobby Orr, the two leaders achieve a rare degree of empathy.

CLIVE DAVIS

THEATRE: David Storey's powerful depiction of two men and their disintegration

Long day's journey into the mind's darkness

Home
Attic, Wimbledon

THE SWEEP of mowed lawn is appropriately misleading. It encourages one to imagine, initially, that Harry and Jack might be watching some quintessentially English game of cricket, possibly in the grounds of their old public school. The grass here is sun-yellowed, though. The idyll shows signs of aridity. The lawn tails away upstage to a white flag-pole.

It forms a tiny island where the two gents sit making small talk and patriotically extolling the virtues of Britannia. They seem categorically part of the Establishment, but turn out to be isolated in quite another sort of institution: one for social misfits and the mentally disturbed.

Playing with audience expectations, comic — tenderly satirical even — and emotionally searching, David Storey's play is an extraordinarily strong piece of writing. Yet, at the same time, it requires extremely sensitive staging to do it complete justice.

Christopher Masters's blocking occasionally looks just that bit too pre-planned. Stephen Gough (Harry) looks a little young and he brings out the poetically stylised side of Storey's dialogue (where trivial interjections become ritualistic refrains) at the expense of the brilliantly observed truth of those verbal tics and half-finished sentences; that unsyntactical shorthand and elided logic which constitute our spoken communications. Gough shifts the script towards Samuel Beckett's territory when it should, I think, be a little closer to Alan Bennett's.



MARILYN KINGWILL

Words strain, crack and sometimes break: Michael Keating, left, and Stephen Gough

Nonetheless, formidable psychological detailing is inlaid in this production. Gough and Michael Keating (an excellent Jack) work in flecks of distress and oddness before we have even got a glimmer of the full situation. Within a play of Aristotelian concision regarding time and place, their characters take a long journey from tranquil chit-chat into emotional exasperation and darkness.

Masters, at his best, paces the dialogue skilfully. However, he fails to cut extended sessions of silent business that are not really absorbing. Andrew Greenough (Alfred the ex-wrestler) becomes somewhat repetitive carting cast-iron furniture around above his head. He is, however, amusing puffing like a steam train and pinning an unresponsive chair to the floor as if it might be a heavyweight champion. Jenny Lee and Joanna Wake give good, if not absolutely steady performances as the lower-class, crudely cackling Marjorie and Kathleen with whom Harry and Jack incongruously pair up. A very able fringe production of a fine play.

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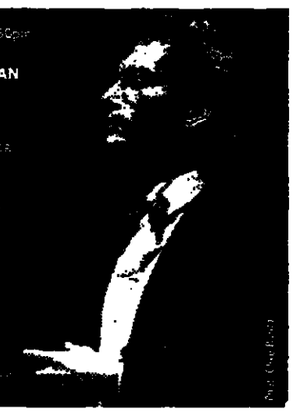
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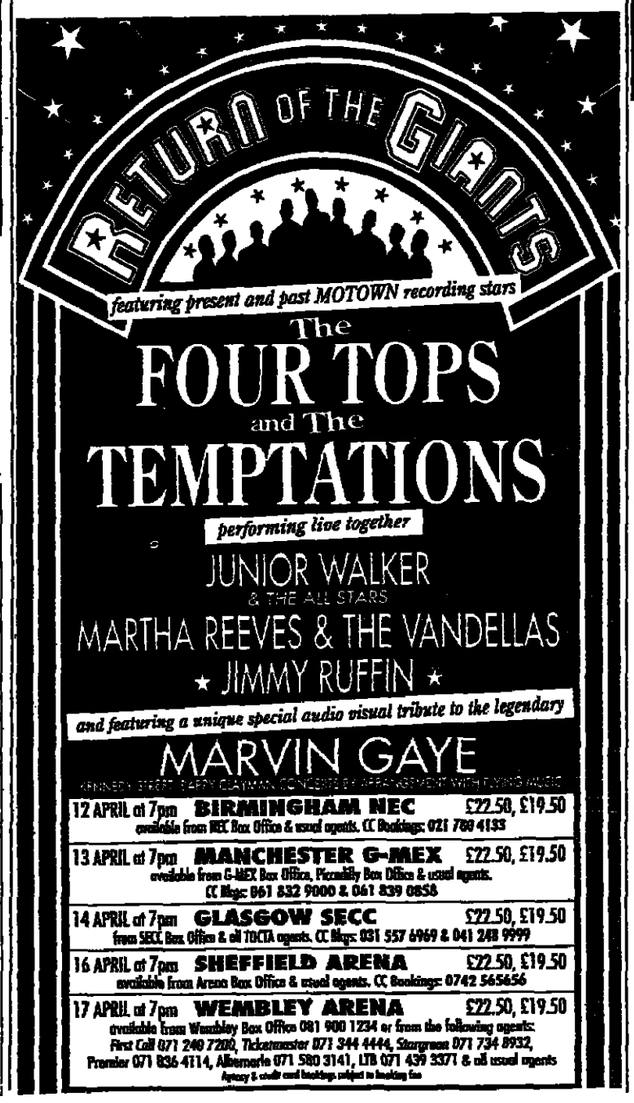
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I am about to astonish the art world with a new interpretation of a famous and much-loved painting. You are doubtless familiar with *The Boyhood of Raleigh*, featuring an old salt pointing wisely out to sea, inspiring the fledgling Walter, who is by him. It is such a powerful and evocative image of youth receiving adult wisdom that the pose was adopted by our own Prime Minister on a recent visit to hill farmers. But, members of the jury, I shall put before you hard evidence that what we had believed all along is far from the truth: it was not ships at sea to which the wise old sailor was pointing, it was more agricultural than that.

First, we must go back a few weeks, when I mentioned in passing that a pair of geese had moved in on us and it was not at our invitation. I am not certain where they came from but one thing is very clear: they are not voluntarily going to move. I cannot blame them, for an old-fashioned farm like ours is a haven for a goose. They can peck at the corn stacks which stand as yet unthrashed, they can rake around the corners of the barn and even make brave forays into the cattle yard in search of a succulent but discarded oat or two.

The only problem is that I am terrified of geese, having been cruelly nipped by my great-aunt's gander at a tender age, so I now approach them with great caution. I had heard that to protect oneself from attack you should always carry a two-pronged pitch-fork so that you can trap them by the neck and restrain them, without hurting them in any way. I was wrong and you have been swift to correct me. Mrs Cooper, of Pickering, North Yorkshire, says simply, "Hiss back!" Brave talk, Mrs Cooper. She explains that the goose is so astonished by such insolent human behaviour that he spreads his wings, turns and flees, hissing as he goes, and gives the impression to the rest of the flock that he has won: a sort of political animal.

Mrs Cooper clearly has no fear of geese, for if she had her time over again, she says she would like to be born a goose: "Ganders make the most wonderful husbands. When she is sitting, he stands beside her occasionally letting her off the nest." Doubtless so that she can go and molest an innocent child. Sorry, Mrs Cooper. I still have scars, but summoned the courage to try as you suggested.



Every morning I throw the ungrateful pair of old biddies a handful of corn and all I get in return is a hissing that would do justice to a leaking gasometer. What is most annoying is the fact that not only do they hiss in anticipation, they hiss even louder when they have been fed. No doubt harassed restaurant waiters who have to deal with fat old ganders on a daily basis will recognise the symptoms as being that of a greedy feeder and would advise me to keep smiling in anticipation of a tip. I fear the only tip coming my way is the closing tip of a beak which they are cowardly enough to point in my direction when my back is turned and thus presenting my most vulnerable aspect.

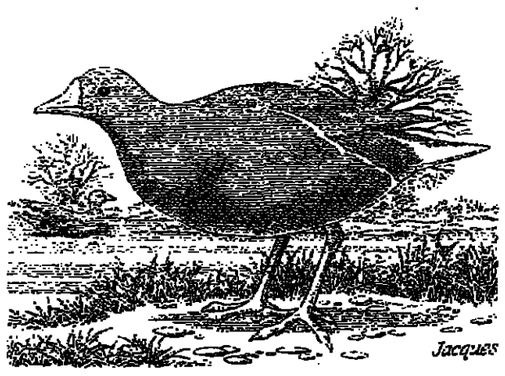
This morning, when they hissed, I hissed back. I am still breathless from my hasty retreat. Their necks went rigid, their mouths opened till I could see down their drain-pipe-like necks. So much for hissing back.

But Jill Lawson of Shropshire has a better suggestion, and it is because of her that we must bring a whole new interpretation to that famous work of art. She says that when it comes to goose control a pitchfork is "quite unnecessary. All you need to do is point at them!" It works. I have just been out to try it. Like a criminal in an identity parade, when the finger is pointed at him, the guilty goose quietly waddles away. Which explains the old sailor on the shore who was no doubt surreptitiously teaching the young Raleigh to smoke a pipe, or something else boys long to know, when an angry goose came heading in their direction. The wise old man simply raised his digit, and the goose fled before the artist had a chance to capture it on canvas. I rest my case.

Incidentally, Mrs Lawson goes on to warn me that a goose on a nest is best approached carrying a dustbin lid, which, historians note, explains why Boadicea was waving her shield.

And if the goose in question was related in any way to my great-aunt's grumbly old gander, it explains the knives on the chariot wheels as well.

Feather Report



Jacques

Moorhens show their white patches like rear lights

Sounding out the bird life

Last week I went bird-watching in the mist. A small silver sun occasionally gleamed in the sky and faded again. Fifteen yards away, the trees were obscure shapes. By the river towpath I was following, water-drops glinted on the dead rosettes of hogweed and wild angelica, like a second, dream flowering. Underfoot, the fallen willow leaves were dark purple and silver-grey, like fish that had leaped out of the water and landed on the bank.

And birds? Well, at first it was a matter of ears. Birds are not much troubled by mist or rain, and soon a song-thrush's voice came ringing out of the mist, a double note repeated three times, then a triple note — followed by a collapse into a sort of scratchy babble, until the clear notes suddenly broke through again.

There was a sound like an oar creaking in a rowlock — but it was on the woodland side, not the river side. That was a foraging magpie. Then a great tit started chiming — "Peter, Peter, Peter". I could faintly hear another answering in the distance.

From over the river there came a sweeping "chissick, chissick" — now, was that a pied wagtail or a grey wagtail looping away unseen? A pied wagtail, I thought — the calls of the two species are very similar, but the grey wagtail's is more of a slurred single note.

And then I saw my first bird — one that is normally rather elusive. In the silence and the mist, it must have been as slow to notice me as I had been to notice it. On a willow trunk a few yards in front of me, a tree-creeper was making its way upwards with tiny jumps. For a moment, I had a very clear view of its gleaming white underside, its speckled brown back, its white eyestripe and its curved bill like a large caraway seed. It had a clear view of me too, and dropped from the trunk and flitted off into the mist.

There was a lake on the far side of the river, and the voice of a lapwing penetrated the air. It must be feeding out on a mud spit, I thought, but why was it calling? Was a gull watching it, and trying to snatch any morsel it picked up? Almost as if in confirmation, I heard the wild screech of a black-headed gull.

I crossed a bridge and from the grass on the other side three moorhens stalked away. They jerked up their tails to show the white patches on either side as though they were putting on their rear lights for visibility. Mallards were cackling by the reeds at the lake's edge but did not move: I watched them quarrelling and dabbling, then noticed a pheasant just by them in the weeds on the land.

After that I had to go back to my ears. The rest of the lake was totally hidden. Yet there were birds out there: a wigeon whistled, teal were making their liquid purring sounds, and suddenly there was there the shrill whinnying of a little grebe. The mist was thickening still more and it was time to turn back. But it had turned out to be a good morning's bird-hearing.

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Cash bait lures back big fish

Braving the January weather, Scottish anglers await the return of the really fat salmon in this year's spring run, thanks to an Icelandic initiative to buy out the commercial Atlantic fishermen, Stewart Tendler reports

Spare a thought for some hundreds of brave anglers gathering as the Scottish dawn breaks into daylight over the rolling waters of the mighty Tay and its tributaries today. Chivvied by the skirl of the pipe and blessed with the warmth of a dram, they brave the vicissitudes of a Scottish winter to chance the first cast of a new salmon season.

The day may be raw, wet, windy and part blizzard but, unless the weather is truly disastrous, anglers will be out. They may be huddled in their waterproofs and thermal linings but there will be a good deal more optimism among them than the banks of Tay have seen for years. If all goes right, 1994 could see the first return of the great spring salmon of the past which made the Tay the monarch of British rivers.

These "springers" are fish which have spent several years at sea before returning to breed. Fat after feeding out in the North Atlantic, they enter the river systems of their birth to make their way up to the breeding grounds in a trip which can take months. The Tay and its tributaries are a magnet for many anglers.

At 120 miles long, the Tay is rivalled only by the Shannon as the greatest salmon river in the British Isles. With a span of 150 yards in tidal sections and pools 35ft deep, the Tay is big, and big rivers traditionally mean big salmon. The British record for the largest taken on rod and line was established on the Tay in October 1922, when Miss G.W. Ballantine, the daughter of a ghillie, cast an artificial bait over the side of her boat and after a two-hour fight, found herself with a 64lb monster.

Nor is that all the river has yielded. In 1869, a gentleman by the name of Wullie Walker netted an 84lb creature in the estuary. At the turn of the century, netsmen regularly hauled in fish of 50lb to 65lb. A local fishing expert noted in 1908 that he had seen 40 fish of 40lb apiece netted in a morning.

In recent years the Tay, like many other rivers, has seen a serious decline as the size and number of catches has dropped. The last fish weighing more than 50lb caught from the Tay was taken in 1965. There were times in the not so distant past when the spring-run fish ran to 30lb and 40lb. Now the average weight is a mere 20lb.

Loch Tay, where big fish are traditionally said to lie, could be relied on to deliver fish averaging 17lb over a season. Now the average weight is closer to 11lb.

The reasons could be environmental, such as a changes in sea temperatures and food sources, but the human factor also plays a part. Scientists believe that the decline of spring fish could be blamed on commercial salmon fishing in the feeding grounds off the Faroes and Greenland, which began to develop in the 1960s with the arrival of new nylon netting and other techniques. What makes this year special is that, for the first time, anglers will be able to test the results of two schemes to buy out the commercial operations.

Pioneered by Orri Vigfusson, an Icelandic businessman and the chairman of a fishing club on one of the largest Icelandic rivers, the first scheme was brokered in 1991 with the Faroes fishermen. The commercial boats will leave the salmon untouched for three years and instead receive compensation.

Last year a similar scheme was established in Greenland and the two schemes are likely to be extended. Work is already under way to find alternative permanent sources of income for the fishermen.

The cost of the two schemes is put at $1 million a year borne by the salmon-fishing countries of the North Atlantic which stand to benefit. Governments or government agencies have made direct contributions but in this country the North Atlantic Salmon Fund (UK) has been set up to raise an initial £180,000 a year for the next three years.

According to Jeremy Reed, the fund's secretary, the agreements work out at £5 for each extra fish landed and the buy-outs are regarded as cheaper than stocking the rivers. Scotland would be the main beneficiary: salmon fishing is worth £50 million a year to the Scottish economy and generates more than 3,000 jobs. One scientist calculates that an extra 20,000 big salmon could reach British rivers each year and most would breed in Scottish waters.

Mr Reed counsels caution about what the buy-outs will mean on the river bank today. Nonetheless, the boats will be pushed out and anglers equipped with spinning rods and a variety of artificial baits will be combing the river "deep and slow" in search of the elusive king of game fish.

● *Additional research by Louis Flood*

● *Further information on the North Atlantic Salmon Fund (UK) can be obtained from the secretary, Downlands, Workhouse Lane, East Meon, Petersfield, Hants GU32 1PF, 0730 823777*

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All kitted out for the first cast of a new salmon season on the waters of the mighty Tay

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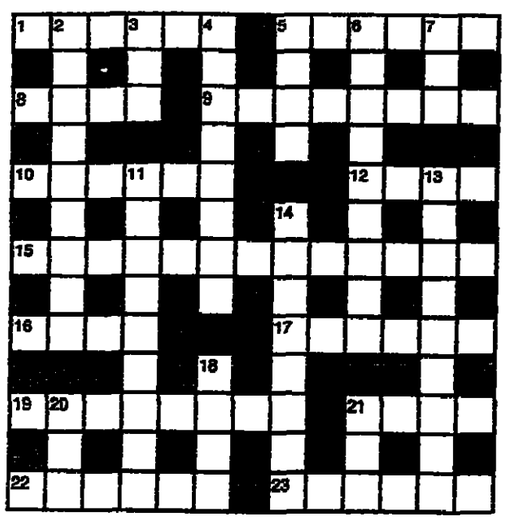
The pipes herald the opening of the season on the Tay

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 63

ACROSS

1 Wholehearted, resolute (of effort) (6)
5 Loose collection (6)
8 Plangent-sounding instrument (4)
9 Jovial Dickensian of the Papers (8)
10 German 'Cheers!' (6)
12 Vaulted recess of church (4)
15 Written version of spoken original (13)
16 Largest continent (4)
17 Abstracted; impractical (6)
19 Speculate (8)
21 Japanese rice spirit (4)
22 Furry predator; sly person (6)
23 Make sure of (6)

DOWN

2 Whale's contribution to perfume (9)
3 Enemy (3)
4 Mouth cosmetic (8)
5 Composer of B Minor Mass (4)
6 NE port; NSW port; Whig PM 1754 (9)
7 Resin secreted by insects (3)
11 Dried seeds used as purgative (5,4)
13 Cobbler (5)
14 Lenity; moderation (8)
18 Tor (4)
20 Garden implement (3)
21 Pouch in insect or plant (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 62

ACROSS: 1 Triad 7 Various 8 Revolve 9 Realise 11 Setter 13 Tax return 15 Chronicle 19 Samosa 21 Vertigo 23 Yew tree 24 Giraffe 25 Ghent

DOWN: 1 Torus 2 Invite 3 Dulcet 4 Aver 5 Billet 6 Cursory 10 Enrols 12 Rating 14 Phoenix 16 Outlay 17 Earwig 18 Bourse 20 Agent 22 Oyez

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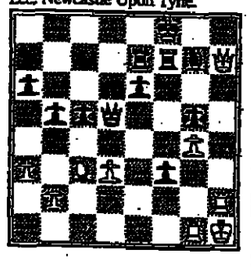
By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Hebden - Sadler, Hastings Premier 1993. White has burst through on the kingside and now has an immediate win. Can you see it?

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Last week's winners are: A J Patterson, Hemel Hempstead, Herts; A H Kirkman, Liverpool; G Lee, Newcastle Upon Tyne.



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ETHEREOUS
a. Optative, conditional
b. Made of ether
c. Hairy

DULCITE
a. A sort of saccharine
b. Sweet-natured
c. A pink and white marble

HEMISTICH
a. A roundworm
b. Half a line
c. A Muslim anchorite

INCENSORY
a. Reproachful
b. A burnt offering
c. A Byzantine chamberlain

Answers on page 13